



## 10 Tips for Young Writers

1. Read – even the boring stuff! Read, then read again. Then read some more.
2. Write every day.
3. Save everything you write! Write a date on it, too. Keep what you write in a 3-ring binder.
4. Figure out what you like about your favorite writer, then write like him/her.
5. Don't be too shy to write what you want, no matter how “out there” it may seem.
6. Find a critique group to share your work with. If you can't find one, start one.
7. Search for writing rooms on Facebook and join one that fits YOU.
8. Write stuff NOW. If you're writing now, you're a writer NOW! Go for it...full novels, short stories, fanfic. Write what you love and complete your stories.
9. Learn to take criticism. You don't have to make every change your critic suggests but learn to listen to him/her so you can see how others interact with your work.
10. DO IT ANYWAY! Even if you can't afford classes and you can't afford books that teach about writing and you can't afford a computer... keep writing anyway! Keep practicing so that when the opportunity to show your work to publishing professionals presents itself, you'll be ready.