

Lazy Writing

Bad writing is just being lazy and not taking time to be great.



**Top 10
Things Lazy
Writers Do**

Depend on Punctuation

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! The crutch of bad writing

... ellipse, used to omit large portions of a work of literature

; can be used to replace fanboy and a comma, but don't

“ ” not used for emphasis

, over or misuse of commas

Pick Bad Stories

Top 10 Things Lazy Writers Do

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- Not interested in the story topic
- Hesitant to follow the story, go with the direction
- Stories with few characters
- Stories with little research
- Topic everyone already knows
- Story already been told
- Story that can't be told graphically
- A topic based on a date

Depend on Lists

Top 10 Things Lazy Writers Do

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Food is an important staple for the thanksgiving holiday. Here are some foods not traditionally eaten for Thanksgiving: Tamales, Italian food, Chinese takeout, traditional Mexican food, potato cake, barbeque, fried chicken, a fish fry, pastels, chitterlings, chicken alfredo, sandwiches, poptarts, etc...

Bad Interview, Bad Research

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- Ask the same planned questions to every person
- Not basing the next question from the answer before
- Not writing during the interview
- Being in a hurry
- Not doing research before the interview
- Not talking to a professional in the field
- Getting one-word answers
- Not getting feelings and opinions about the topic
- Only depending on one website or source
- Not fact checking
- Only going to Wikipedia
- Clicking on ads on Google

Write Before Interviewing

Top 10 Things Lazy Writers Do

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Legacy offers many advanced placement courses. As a sophomore, students have the option to take AP World History. Students can take an end of the year course exam to receive college credit. Many students take advantage of this opportunity.

“Quote”

As a college-level class, the course requires extra homework and study time than an on-level course. The tests become more complicated and take more critical thinking.

“Quote”

The advanced placement test at the end of the year ranges score from 1 to 5. The higher the score, the better chance students have to receive credits from multiple colleges. This gives students the opportunity to skip college courses in the future.

“quote “

The AP course not only helps students with their GPA, but the class attracts admission offices and colleges. The course prepares many students for their future in other courses.

Don't Finish Edit Process

Top 10 Things Lazy Writers Do

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Write

Rewrite

Verb check

Read aloud to yourself

Read to a peer

Spell check

Peer edit

Rewrite

Editor edit

Final edit

Don't Read Daily

Top 10 Things Lazy Writers Do

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Skip Hollinsworth, Texas Monthly (@skiphol)

Jon Krakauer (@krakauernotwriting) – Adventure writing

Chris Taylor (@futurechris) – quarky, Star Wars, funny

Michael Chabon (@michael.chabon) – Adventure writing

Nicholas Kristof (@nickkristof) – NY Times, Social Justice, Politics

Lynsey Addario (@lynseyaddario) - Photojournalist, captions

Randy Olson (@randyolson) – Travel

Jeff Goins (@JeffGoins) -

Joseph Kimble (@ProfJoeKimble) – College writing professor

Joanna Wiebe (@copyhackers) – Writes for products

Leave Out Character

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The average pay for a teenager working is less than the amount they spend on gas for their car. According to workforce.com, teens work more hours a week each year, but they make less and less. High school seniors saving for college are hurt the most because of lack of funds for applying for college and needed money for their senior year. This is causing seniors to put off going to college.

State the Obvious

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The holiday season approached rapidly. Now, Americans enjoy the time of year for food, fun and family. Since elementary school, the history of why we celebrate Thanksgiving has been taught. The traditional feast, the cornucopia, pilgrims and turkey are all things normally associated with Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a time of tradition, but consider some unique traditions found in the hallways of Legacy High School.

Use Bad Verbs

Top 10 Things Lazy Writers Do

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To Be Verbs
“Verb to Verb”
ing verbs
common verbs

Sometimes perfectly strong, vibrant verbs morph into nouns and an *is*, *are*, *was*, or *were* steps into their place.

His description is good versus He describes it well.

Many of these verbs-turned-nouns end in *-tion*, *-sion*, *-ance*, *-ence*.

His failure to make the goal was unfortunate.

Unfortunately, he failed to make the goal.

Marty was excited about the upcoming game.

Marty anticipates the upcoming game.

Jackson wants to go to the concert.

Jackson goes to the concert.



**10 things
you can do
differently**