

### **Some Possible Reasons to Engage in Creative Writing**

One may eventually work in the Entertainment Industry.

Escapism.

Day-dreaming.

Wish fulfillment -- defy and deny the laws of nature (in fantasy).

Vent feelings.

Discover, explore, and express one's thoughts and feelings.

One can get a feeling of accomplishment and achievement by externalising and shaping one's thoughts and feelings.

Experience the joy of being a creator.

Structure and organise one's thoughts.

Practice problem-solving.

Practice looking at situations from different angles (from the perspectives of each character). This might increase one's senses of awareness of others' feelings, situations, and points of view, and one's compassion for others. It might also help one improve one's ways of handling, and working with, other people.

Develop one's imagination and creativity (one's ability to imagine and to create).

Develop one's communication skills (one's ability to use words to paint pictures in readers' minds).

Story-making and story-presenting can be a powerful form of persuasion -- showing positive examples of behaviour (for readers to follow), and negative examples (for people to avoid: these are "Cautionary Tales").