



First Tuesday Write and Read

Welcome to this month's **First Tuesday Write and Read**. We are so glad you decided to join us. **First Tuesday Write and Read** meets on the first Tuesday of every month, but you need to register each time because access links change for each session. Go to WritingYourLife.org to sign up.

To help you understand how **First Tuesday Write and Read** works, please read this guide beforehand so we can spend more time writing instead of reviewing the process.

Know that **NO** writing experience is required to participate. The motto of all Writing Your Life events is: ***The only way to do this wrong is to not do it at all.*** You're here. You're writing. You're doing it right.

First Tuesday Write and Read is divided into two parts:

- **writing** in response to a prompt or another topic of your choice
- **reading** what you've written to a small group and receiving feedback

In the *writing* portion of the night:

- We give you a verbal prompt designed to trigger memories.
- You have thirty minutes to write in response to the prompt, on a current project, or about anything else calling to you.
- You aren't expected to finish the story; just get started.

In the *feedback* portion of the night:

- You are randomly divided into a group of three or four fellow writers who help, support, and encourage you with your writing.
- Each group member has fifteen minutes to read his/her story and receive feedback.
- The format we follow in discussing your story is as follows:
 - What was the story about?
 - What did the author do well?
 - What can be improved in the piece?
 - Are there any questions left unanswered?

After the feedback session, we come back together, share *wins* from our writing and feedback experience, and look at what's coming up next at Writing Your Life. Then, you go on with your night feeling good about yourself and what you accomplished.