

Legal Writing

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How do you *start*?

There is nothing
to writing. All
you do is sit
down at a
typewriter
and bleed.

- Ernest
Hemingway

There are three rules for
writing a novel.
Unfortunately, no one
knows what they are.

- W. Somerset Maugham

**“ Write drunk.
Edit sober.”**

- Ernest Hemingway

Is *less*, more?

KISS



Quantum *latine* nimium?
(*how much latin is too much?*)

**POOR FAULKNER. DOES HE REALLY THINK BIG
EMOTIONS COME FROM BIG WORDS? HE
THINKS I DON'T KNOW THE TEN-DOLLAR
WORDS. I KNOW THEM ALL RIGHT. BUT THERE
ARE OLDER AND SIMPLER AND BETTER
WORDS, AND THOSE ARE THE ONES I USE.**

- ERNEST HEMINGWAY -

Is it possible to *improve*?

You don't start out writing good stuff. You start out writing crap and thinking it's good stuff, and then gradually you get better at it. That's why I say one of the most valuable traits is persistence.

Octavia Butler



Lightning Round!



Humor in briefs and opinions?



