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# Making and Using a Writer's Notebook

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# Agenda

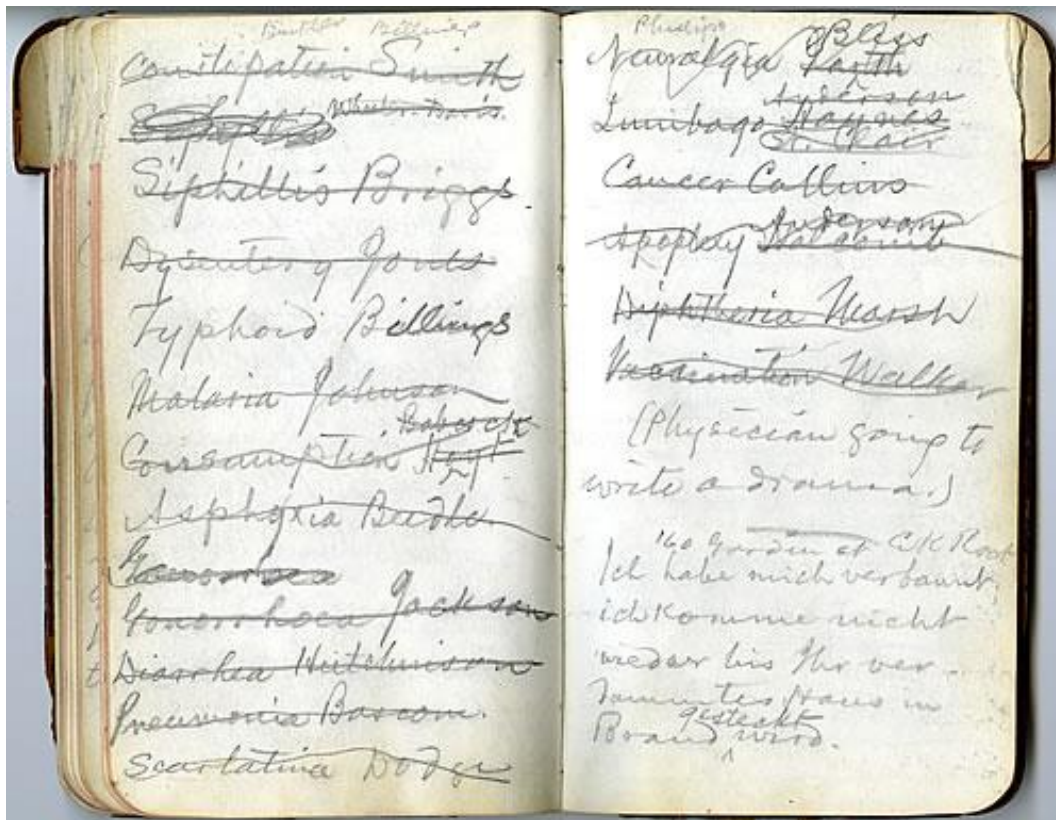
- What is a Writer's Notebook?
- Who Uses a Writer's Notebook?
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# What is a Writer's Notebook?

- “Keeping a notebook is the single best way I know to survive as a writer. It encourages you to pay attention to your world, inside and out. It serves as a container to keep together all the seeds you gather until you plant them. It gives you a quiet place to catch your breath and begin to write.” (Fletcher 1)

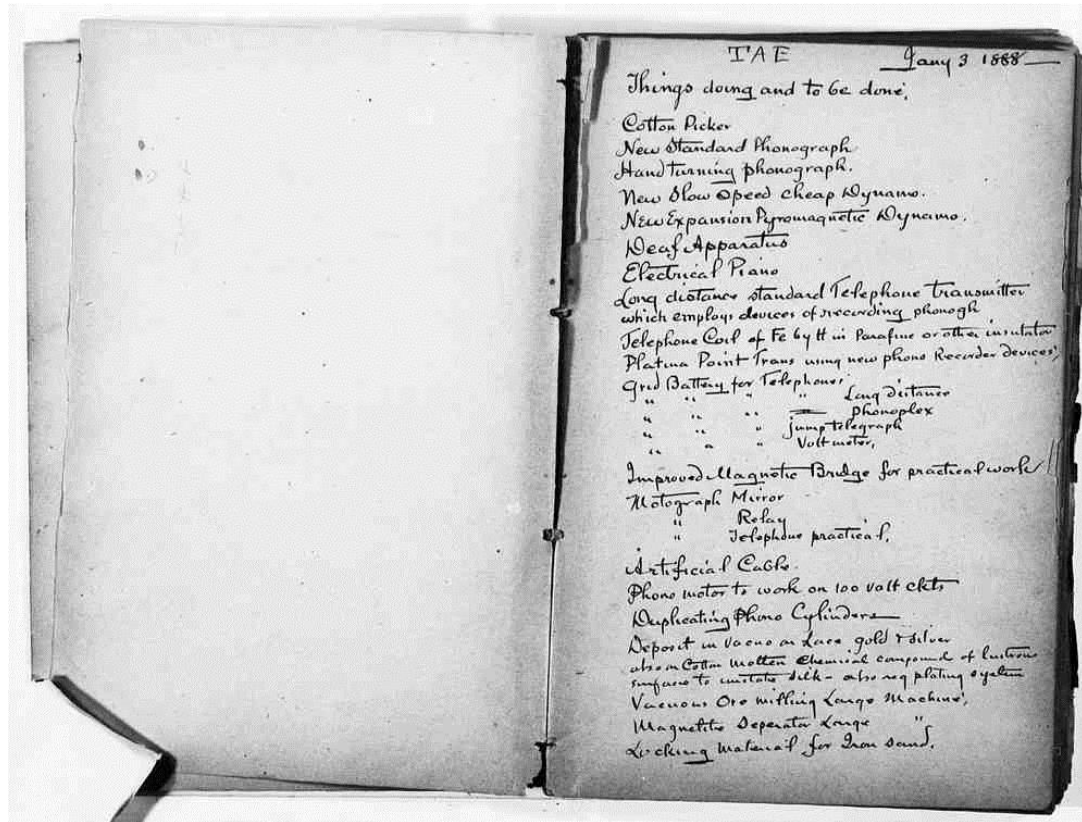
# Who Uses a Writer's Notebook?

## ➤ Mark Twain



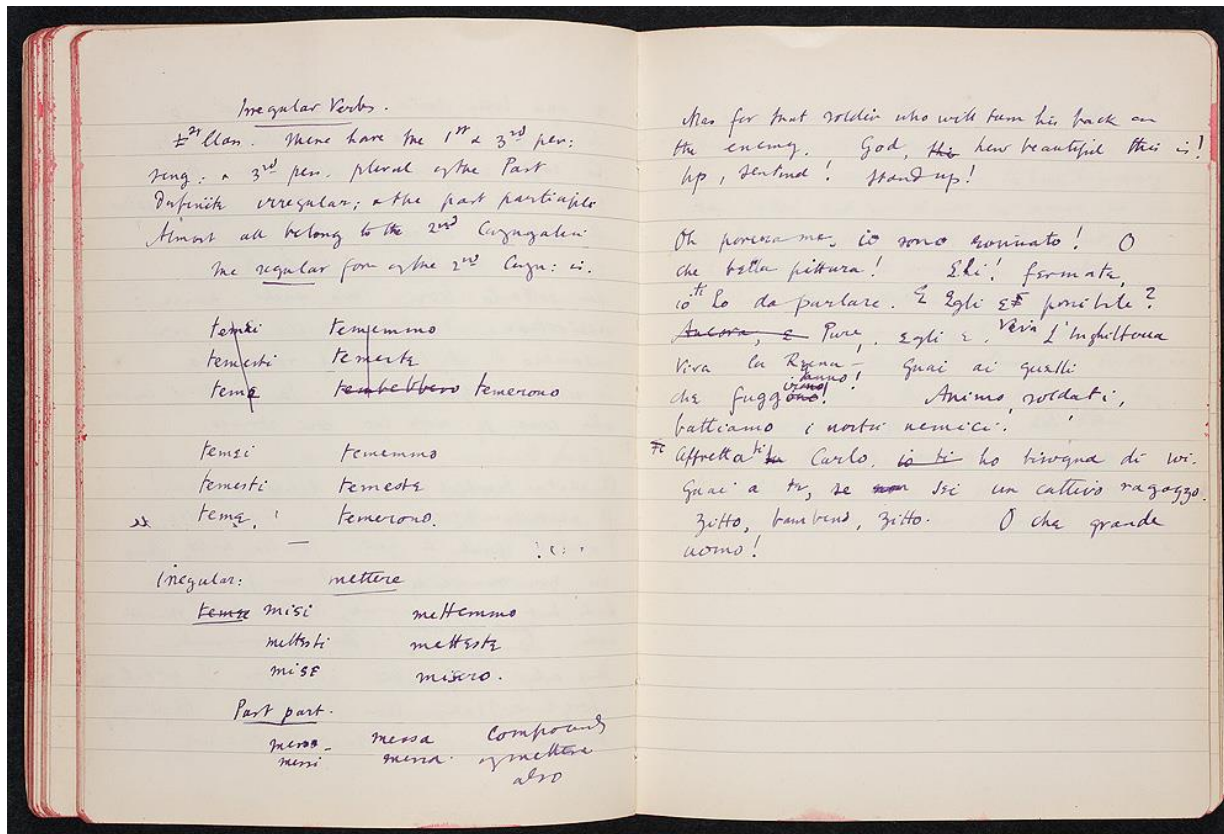
# Who Uses a Writer's Notebook?

## ➤ Thomas Edison



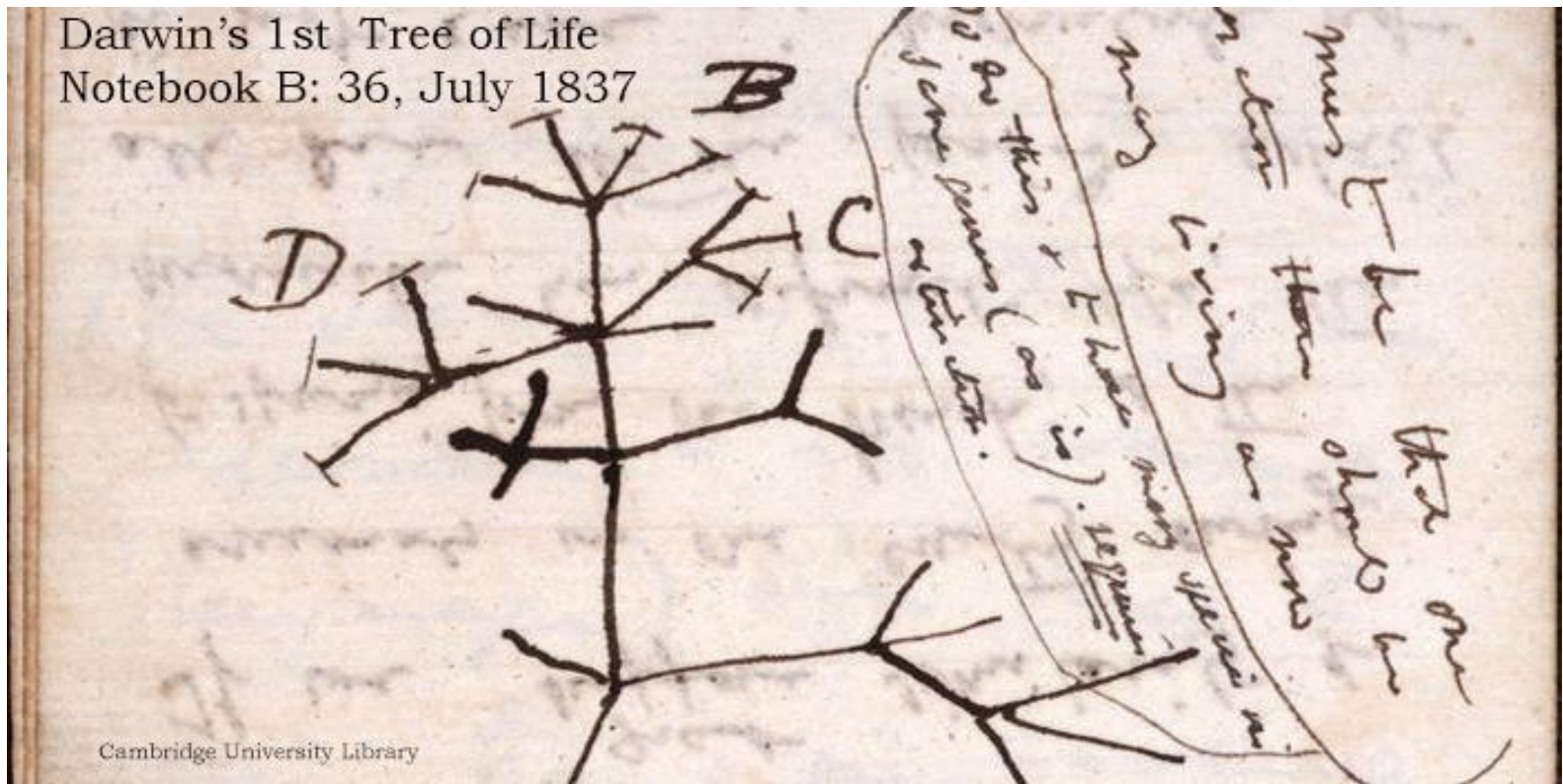
# Who Uses a Writer's Notebook?

## ➤ Virginia Woolf



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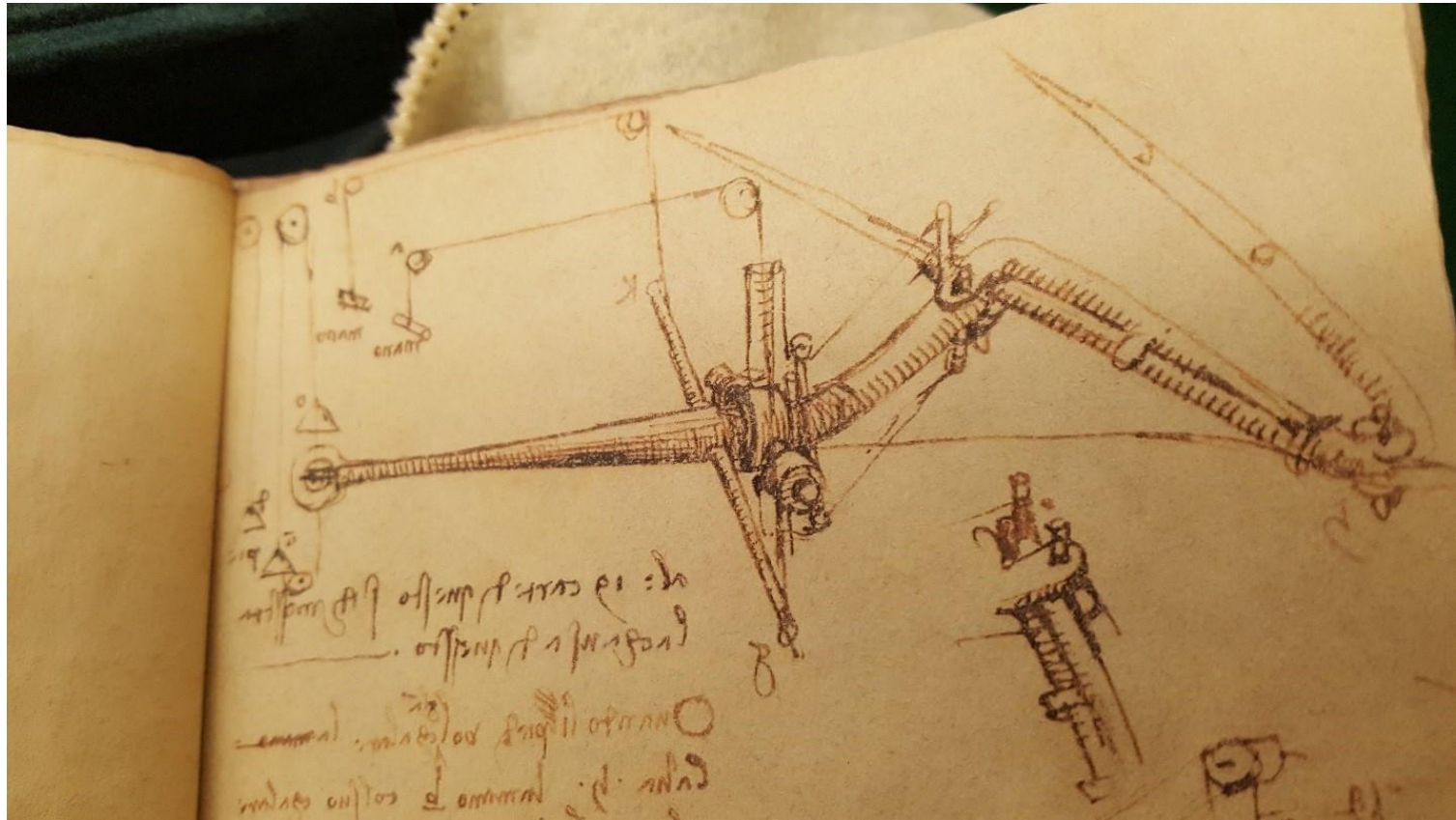
## ➤ Charles Darwin





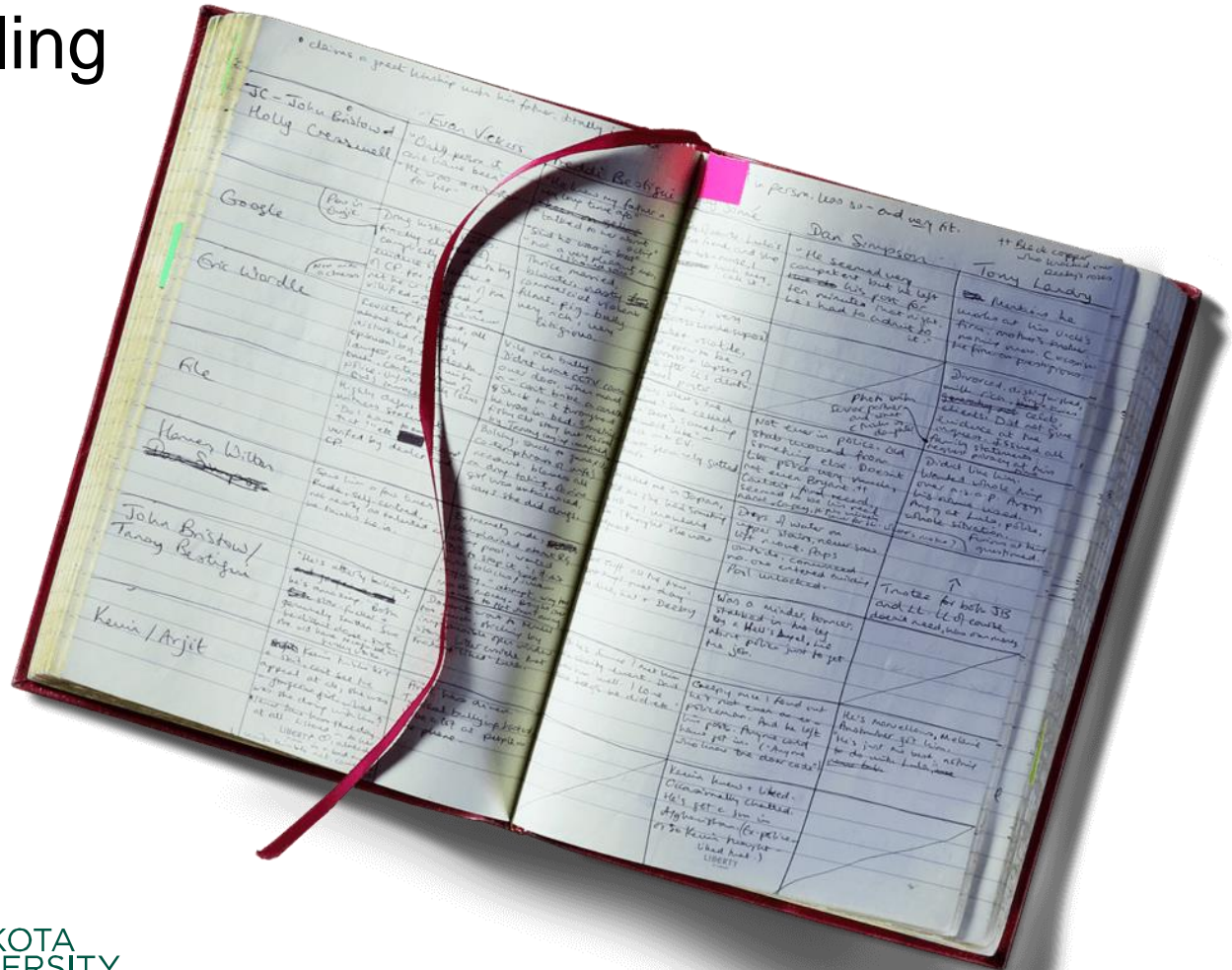
# Who Uses a Writer's Notebook?

## ➤ Leonardo da Vinci



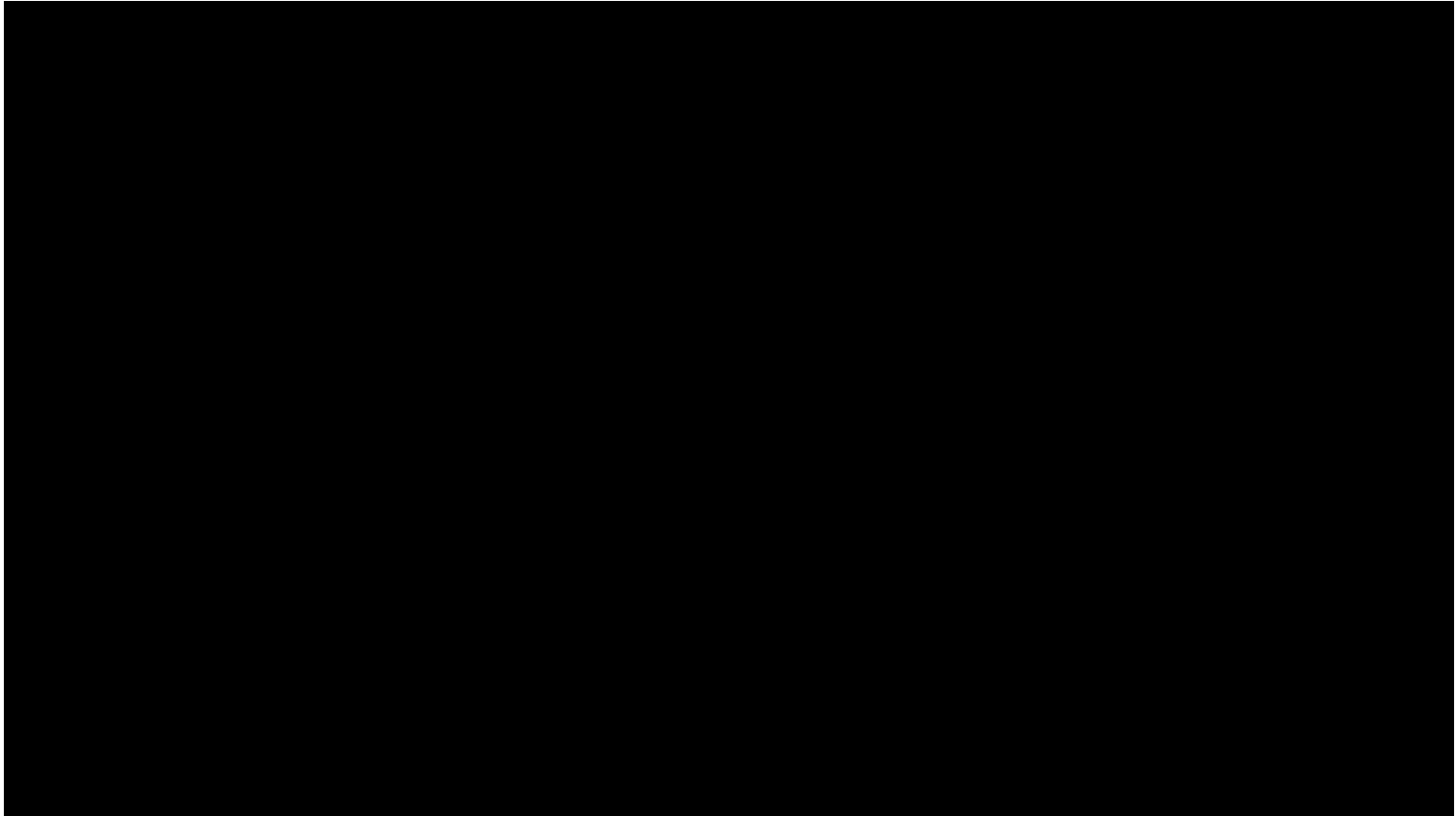
# Who Uses a Writer's Notebook?

➤ J. K. Rowling



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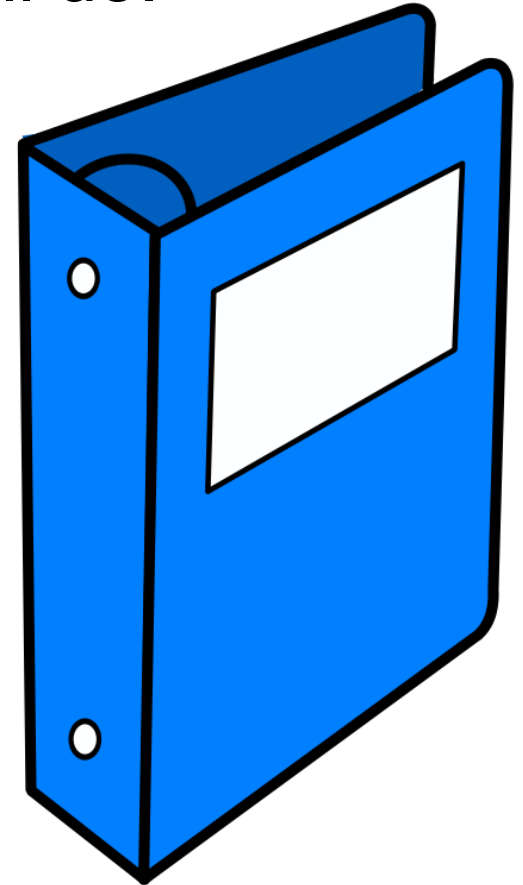
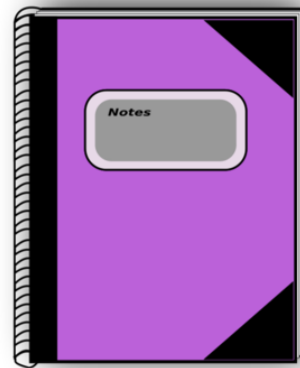
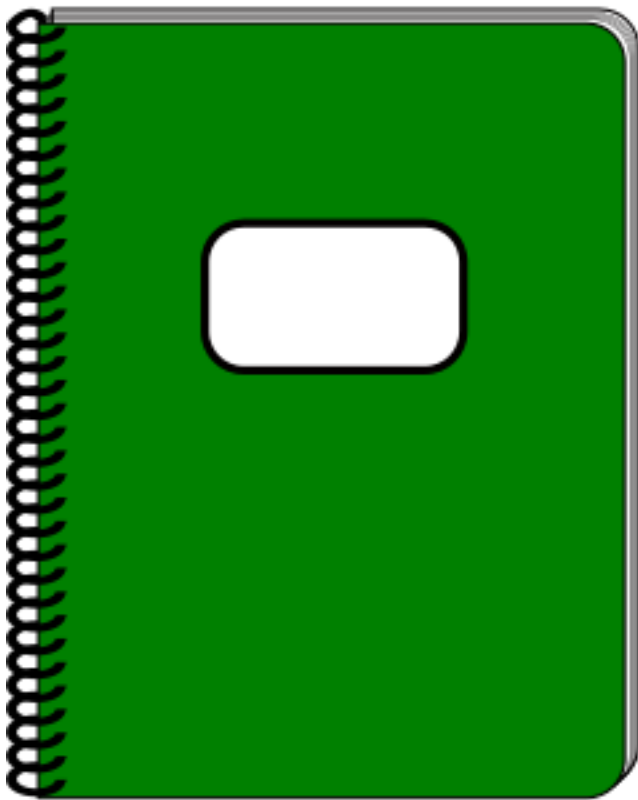
➤ Mary Amato



([www.youtube.com/watch?v=DcPcHYjTG9k](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DcPcHYjTG9k))

# Making a Writer's Notebook

- Any size and type of notebook will do.



# Making a Writer's Notebook

- 1) Number all pages in the notebook (just the front of each page).
- 2) Make a numbered list on the first page (or first few pages) of your notebook that equals the total number of pages in the notebook; this will be your table of contents.

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- 3) Select prompts from the list at the following web page to include in your notebook:  
([inside.warren-wilson.edu/~creativewriting/  
Prompts.php](http://inside.warren-wilson.edu/~creativewriting/Prompts.php))
- 4) Starting with the page following your table of contents, write each selected prompt on a new page and also next to the corresponding page number in the table of contents.

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- 5) Later you can add tabs for organization, like this:



and decorate your notebook however you'd like.

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