



# Young Eager Writers Writing Group



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*The **Young Eager Writers Association** provides young writers with the resources, tools, and network to establish sustainable writing careers. Through educational content, community-focused events, and supportive programs, YEW encourages and grows virtual spaces for young writers around the world.*

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Welcome! Thank you for your interest in the **Young Eager Writers Writing Group**. We strive to create inclusive spaces for writers of all backgrounds. To help us keep our spaces safe and supportive, please review the expectations and guidelines listed below.

## **General Information:**

<b>Workshop Leads:</b>	Aastha Agrawal ( <a href="mailto:aaastha17@gmail.com">aaastha17@gmail.com</a> ) Desirée Brown ( <a href="mailto:youngeagerwriters@gmail.com">youngeagerwriters@gmail.com</a> )
<b>Meeting days:</b>	1st and 3rd Saturday of the month
<b>Meeting time:</b>	9am-10am ET / 9pm-10pm MYT
<b>Location:</b>	Discord ( <a href="https://discord.gg/aA3pn2ZJeZ">https://discord.gg/aA3pn2ZJeZ</a> )

**\*Meeting time is subject to change**

## **What to expect...**

**From Workshop Setup:** Upon submitting the **YEW Writing Group New Participant Form**, participants will receive an email with links to access the Discord server and Google Folder.

- Discord:
  - All workshop meetings will be held on the YEW Discord server. Once a participant joins the server, a Workshop Lead will assign them the role “**Writing Group Member**.” After this, participants will have access to the YEW Writing Group channels.
- Google Folder:
  - In the **YEW Writing Group Google Folder**, participants have access to the workshop schedule (managed by the Workshop Leads) and submission folder for writers to submit their work for their assigned workshop days.

**From Workshop Leads:** Workshop Leads will guide workshops, allowing discussion to flow organically but also...

- resolving unproductive feedback
- supporting equality/equity among participants’ voices

- and progressing discussion with questions when needed

A Workshop Lead will attend every meeting.

### **Program Guidelines:**

- Each member is responsible for submitting their work for their assigned workshop date.
- If you need to swap workshop dates or you do not have work to submit for your assigned date, you must reach out to a Workshop Lead.
- If you cannot attend your selected workshop date, please contact a Workshop Lead.
- If you will be absent for a workshop meeting, please let the whole group or a Workshop Lead know. Please provide written comments on the work to be workshopped for that meeting and email it to the writer.
- Group members whose work is being workshopped can disclose information about their work or choose not to provide additional information. Other members will be respectful of their choice.

### **Workshop Rules & Guidelines:**

- For the safety of our young writers, **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST KEEP THEIR CAMERAS ON WHILE ATTENDING WORKSHOPS.**
- Please be respectful when workshopping the work of others. Members should follow **YEW's code of literary critique**:
  - All comments must be **constructive feedback**, using explanations of interpretations (“I read the second stanza as an elegy to the speaker’s grandmother”), feeling-based language (“I felt a sense of loneliness in the third paragraph”), or positive preference-based language (“My favorite part was the ending because . . .”).
  - Refrain from commenting on other members’ work based on personal biases.
  - Be accepting and kind to the voices and opinions of others.
- FOR FICTION OR NONFICTION: please submit **no more than 6 pages of work.**
- FOR POETRY: please submit **no more than 3 poems.**
- Please share your work **5 days before** your selected workshop date as a PDF, Word Document, or Google Doc. Please submit it to the Google Folder titled **“Workshop Submissions”**
- Come to each workshop prepared to discuss and having already read the work.
- Please send written/typed comments on the work to the writer after or prior the workshop.
- Other than in cases of an emergency, please attend all workshops. **If a participant is absent for 3 consecutive meetings, they will be removed from the program.**

If you have any questions, please contact [youngeagerwriters@gmail.com](mailto:youngeagerwriters@gmail.com)