Kaitlin Morrison yep

Leslie I hear you Lisa K i heard

Genesis I can hear just fine

Kaitlin Throgmorton Hear ya loud and clear! :)

Shirley Sure can!
Chris Raley loud and clear!
sherrie sounds great
Linda Formichelli Thanks!

Kaitlin Morrison Another Kaitlin? Awesome name you have there!

Debi McCarthy Loud and clear Judith Docken I can hear you!

Katy Reiber Heard you loud and clear

Linda Formichelli Hi, all! Excited to get started in around 15 minutes.

Genesis As you can tell, we're all excited, too. :D

Linda Formichelli We have a TON of ideas to critique, but if we don't get to them all, Pitch Clinic

registered students can post them in the forum...AND/OR bring them to

Thursday's call!

Linda Formichelli LOL, Genesis! Lots of early birds! Good thing as there are limited seats on this

platform and we have over 1200 people signed up!

Brenda Should I be hearing something?

Genesis Wow

Susan Lieu Hi. I am not hearing anything. Is the webinar going to have sound?

Linda Formichelli Yes, when it starts at 2!:)

Leslie Tribble I hear you!!
Brenda Now I hear you!
Susan Lieu Thanks Linda!
Karin DuBois I hear you :)

Linda Formichelli Yep!

Barb Hicks Hi Folks... Barbara in Virginia, soon to be Maryland here. I don't have a

microphone I don't think on my computer, so I wonder if I should call in too.

C. Lyn Walter C. Lyn

Brenda I'm in Ojai (pronounced "Oh, hi!") CA

C. Lyn Walter I hear music, nothing else

Linda Formichelli Barb, as long as you can HEAR through your computer you should be fine. The

only people who will be talking are me & Carol. :)

Barb Hicks Okay, got it. Thanks. I feel like it's my first day of first grade!

elfish hi all. shari here.

Brenda But this is FUNNER, Barb!

Kaitlin Morrison Barb, same here. Thought about packing a bag lunch...and we get homework

later!

Linda Formichelli Everyone, take out your No. 2 pencils!

Linda Formichelli You! Eyes front. Brenda OK, Miss Linda!

Kathy Marshall Do we get to use crayons???

Karin DuBois there will be a quiz later;)

Linda Formichelli Only if you promise not to eat them.

Blair Lyonev Hey there, should I be getting any audio at this point?

Linda Formichelli No audio yet!

Brenda I just eat paste...

Linda Formichelli We start in 10.

Linda Formichelli LOL Blair Lyonev Thanks!

Stephanie Ward Hi, Barbara. I'm a fellow Virginian. :-)

Stephanie Ward Hi, Linda.

Kathy Marshall Should have brought the bagged lunch!

Brenda Who remembers the paste jar with the plastic applicator?

Amanda Loudin Checking in and excited to get going!

Zina Kumok So excited!

Charley Hi everyone, I'm excited to get started :)
Traci Excited to be here and learn something new!

Linda Formichelli Haha, I thought we were having trouble with Carol's audio and I realized I had

my sound turned down! D'oh.

Linda Formichelli See the slides, everyone?

Leslie Tribble yes Kathy Marshall Yes

Brenda I see slides; I hear nothing

yvie is anyone talking? I don't hear anything

Zina Kumok Are we supposed to be hearing any audio now?

Karin DuBois no slides..

Karin DuBois just the Pitch Clinic image to the left of the chat

Barb Hicks I see the fiirst one, with the EKG....

Ava Jarvis hello

Terence Wallis Hi - just got on the line

Linda Formichelli Hi all! Amy Born Hello!

Carol Tice No Zina -- don't know if you got my note about your story idea -- needs a

headline, and we don't do personal essays in pitch clinic -- because they don't

get pitched.

Linda Formichelli Perfect, that's the first slide.

Kathy Marshall FYI that is a bad ECG strip! For the patient anyway!

Linda Formichelli Nope, no sound yet.

yvie Sound!
Tana I hear you!
C. Lyn Walter I hear Linda
Charley I hear Linda
Mel Campbell Heard ya!

Carol Tice Hopefully now you're NOT hearing us again.

AL Pearsall not hearing you

Carol Tice 2 hints -- use gear at top of chat to make FONT BIGGER!

Carol Tice Right -- we're muted now. On in 5
Linda Formichelli Can you hear us now? You shouldn't be!

Tana no, can't here you

yvie nope

C. Lyn Walter I hear music

Carol Tice AND...when we start presentation you can use right hand corner arrow icon to

go full screen.

AL Pearsall nope
Tana hear! OY!

Brenda Yay for larger fonts!

Ava Jarvis Carol ty for the font embiggening tip:)

Zina Kumok Carol - do you think it would work as a reported story? Like "5 tips for teaching

your kids about money" divided by ages - i.e. tips for elementary, middle

school, high school, college age kids

susan slater i got a message that this won't work in chrome? Trying to change that. Is there

a place to test sound before you start talking? Don't see a test place...

C. Lyn Walter Got it

Carol Tice You mean reported essay? We'll be talking about those Zina

Carol Tice You won't be talking Susan

LeAnne I was going to complain that I can't hear the sound...LOL

Carol Tice Leave ideas in chat.

judy isenhour No audio.

Carol Tice We'll be on shortly!

Barb Hicks I hear Carol Tice all the time in my head, but I need to get on medication for

that

Linda Formichelli LOL

Carol Tice THat's right Judy...we're not on yet.

Ava Jarvis Heh

shireen Hi everyone. I'm Shireen from California

susan slater I know I won't be talking. I'd like to hear though. :\_)
Linda Formichelli I see we have people in Asia and Europe here!

Charley ahm, is it possible to increase the font in the forum chat?

C. Lyn Walter Chrome causes a lot of problems along these lines

Carol Tice Yes - use gear in top right corner Karin DuBois any other Canadians here?

Kathy Marshall I feel like a NASA launch is about to occur

Tammy Farrell Hi! It's Tammy from Scottsdale
Linda Formichelli Yes, Charley, hit the little gear.
Brenda @Charley -- what Carol said.
Carol Tice Even MORE exciting than NASA!

Heather Tucker Good evening everyone. Joining from the Netherlands.

Brenda And Linda....

Linda Formichelli This is WAY more important than a NASA launch.

Charley saw it, thanks Carol

Barb Hicks Less expensive than a shuttle launch, however.
Tana Charley - click on the gear symbol above chat

Linda Formichelli Goede dag!

Carol Tice Because...MONEY comes from good story ideas. ;-)

Linda Formichelli Is that Dutch OK?
Tana oh...woops. sorry!

Leland Hoover Hi all :)

Linda Formichelli We're heading to Utrecht in a couple weeks!

Genesis I'm joining in from Guatemala. What a lot of countries are represented here.

Linda Formichelli Wow!

susan slater Well, tell me when the sound starts so I can tell then if it's working

Saima Zaidi Hello! Saima from Edmonton

mona Hi Everyone, joining this week from Germany.

Rebekah Olsen Hello all!

Carol Tice Hi Saima -- saw you in the Pitch Clinic forums!

Karin DuBois Hi Saima! I'm in BC

Carol Tice And Zina is in PC AND in Den 2X Income Accelerator. ;-)
Linda Formichelli Guten Abend, Mona! We're heading to Hamburg soon!
Carol Tice So you know her income is about to EXPLODE. ;-)

Ava Jarvis I'm on Bainbridge Island, WA:)

Brenda Laura! mona Sehr Gut!

Tana I'm joining from Virginia, and watching the creek get higher and higher and

close to my window!

Noelle Salmi Hi from San Francisco.

elfish shari, currently in carpark in oxfordshire. flat in archway/crouch end. hi there

edmunton!

Carol Tice AVA -- that's where I live. ;-)

Heather Tucker It is Linda. Although most people prefer goedendag. :)

mona jklo' Ava Jarvis OMG

Carol Tice Let's have lunch sometime!
Annelise Kelly Hello from Portland, OR
Saima Zaidi Wow! Messages are flying!
Victoria Terrinoni Hi I'm from Mississippi

Ava Jarvis YAY

Christine Hi everyone, I'm calling from Berkeley, CA.

Linda Formichelli Yeah, my Dutch is not that great. :)

Linda Formichelli I can get by. :) sara gabriella Hi, Sara here!

Cheryl Warren Hello all from Calgary, Canada Sue-Ann wow...a united nations here:)

Stephanie Ward Tana, What part of VA are you in? I live in the Shenandoah Valley. We're

getting a deluge here too.

Brenda I can HEAR!
AL Pearsall hi ladies

Matt Carli Hi all, Matt from Boston here!

Ava Jarvis we can hear you! Karin DuBois yes can hear

Janice Crago Cincinnati checking in!

shireen I can hear yvie I can hear too! Robin Reynolds Hello hello!!!

Genesis yes

Tana Stephanie Ward - Blacksburg

Sarah yes!
Brenda Yep!
Victoria Terrinoni Yes
Anna Zorn yes!
C. Lyn Walter I hear you

Amanda Loudin I can hear you both

Annelise Kelly I hear both!

Heather yes
Noelle Salmi yes
Kaitlin Morrison Hello!
Kaitlin Throgmorton Yes!
Amy Born yes

Ava Jarvis we hear you both!

Janice Crago You're on!

Mary Drew I'm from Woodburn, OR, near Portland.

Heather Tucker Yep!
sara gabriella yes!
Karin DuBois CANADA
Brenda CA

Georgia Geis yes I can hear

sherrie yes

Mary Drew I can hear you.

Sheri Rose Hello all. I'm in Wetumpka, Alabama. Got sound!

Robin Reynolds Indiana Mel Campbell yes Rebekah Olsen Yes!

Debbie Curtis hear both, of you in IThaca, NY

Heather Scotland

Christy Bagasao Hello from, well, all over the US, but today we're in Wisconsin.

Ava Jarvis :D mona ja!

Katy Reiber San Diego!

Mike\*Antares Outer space checking in

Michelle Sprout Murra lowa

Amy Born Good in Colorado!

Leslie Tribble Wyoming!!

Jeanne Philippines!

Rebekah Olsen Memphis!

Charley Philippines:)

Paula Nino Houston

elfish uk

Leslie virginia

Kaitlin Morrison Moses Lake, WA!
Brenda I grew up in IN
Frank Hyman yes in NC.
Sarah TExas!
Amanda Loudin Baltimore!

susan slater I can hear. Dallas, Texas can hear. :)

Kara Cincy, OH!
Robin Reynolds Incredible!
Cortney Fries Chicago
Katherine I Boston

Linda Chicago suburbs

Carolyn Virginia

shireen Where are you guys?

Duncan Pike Toronto!

Mel Campbell Don't forget the country of Lagnua Beach

Judith Docken Calgary, Canada! Charley ooh, hi @Jeanne :) Anna Zorn More Wisconsin!

RaeAnn Las Vegas
Tricia McMasters Idaho
Traci Louisiana

C. Lyn Walter C. Lyn Laguna Woods, California

Alaska Vancouver!
Sue-Ann Pennsylvania
Jeanne Hi Charley! :)

Barb Hicks East side, west side....

Chris Raley Virginia

Tana lots of Virginians! :-) Linda Formichelli Raleigh area here!

Tana woo! Ayelet Israel

Shirley Chicago area

Ayelet Hi!:)

Katy Reiber Linda, I didn't know you're in the Raleigh area! I have friends there. :)

Linda Formichelli Apex, baby!

shireen nice!

Linda Formichelli Happiest Town in America.

Casey Siemasko I'm from Apex, NC too :) Living in Costa Rica now ;-)

Linda Formichelli Wow!

Brian Wu Hi! Brian from LA Brenda Hear that Laura!

Karin DuBois What are the dates for the 4-week pitch challenge?

Genesis The refund is why I'm here

Christy Bagasao We (hubby and 8 kids, dog, kitten) travel the US full-time in a travel trailer, so

we've been in all these states I'm seeing. Maybe we've seen you!

Cristina Williams Tucson in the house!

Carol Tice http://usefulwritingcourses.com/pitch-clinic-fall-2015

Terri Washington DC is here!

Karin DuBois ok thanks

Barb Hicks Free is a good price.

Linda Formichelli Woot!

Lauren Shute Hi from New York!
Mike\*Antares What a crew!

Lauren Shute Went to school in Raleigh though :)

Ava Jarvis :)
Barb Hicks Yikes.

Kristine Goad Carol is cutting out...

Linda Formichelli WHY IS THAT PUMPKIN SO BIG?

Ava Jarvis radiation

Linda Formichelli lol

Tana LOL, Ava! Katy Reiber Iol

Christy Bagasao It drank its milk as a pumpkinette.

Heather Tucker I would love to carve that pumpkin. :)

Robin Reynolds It's the Great Pumpkin Linda!

Charley lost audio...

Annelise Kelly audio ok for me....

Mike\*Antares audio mostly good here

Charley its okay now :). just a connection prob maybe

Brenda Get organized...

christina Maine has pumpkins that big-sometimes!

shireen wow

Sue-Ann News and / or NEW?

Linda Formichelli Either!

Christy Bagasao How do we find news hooks?

sara gabriella I'm trying to sign up and it wont take my credit card. is it full?

Linda Formichelli But to editors, there is no new idea under the sun.

Linda Formichelli Sara, it's not full! Can you email the helpdesk at

help@usefulwritingcourses.com

Sue-Ann new viewpoint or slant or hook is what i mean:)

sara gabriella ok Carol Tice Not full.

Robin Reynolds phone audio is lost again
Carol Tice You can't hear Linda?
Robin Reynolds Not on the phone

Tammy Farrell i hear her
Robin Reynolds Now I can!
jay fine in uk

Carol Tice If you're on both computer screen and phone, you may not be able to hear on

both.

yvie where do we find the editorial calendar for mags?

sara gabriella I'm in! T

Linda Formichelli Yvie, on their websites. Often on the advertising page.

Barb Hicks Ohh... hm. find the publication first, then refine story idea.

Mike\*Antares Guilty of #5

Elaine Johnson Hi--I missed where to submit the initial pitch. Is it too late to do this?

Heather Tucker Oops...I thought we were supposed to be a little more broad in the publication

section tonight and name actual ones later. Sorry!

yvie thanks linda

Linda Formichelli You can do it right here in chat, Elaine...and if you're registered for the class

and we don;t get to your idea, post it in the PC forum and/or bring it to

Thursday's call.

Linda Formichelli Barb Hicks No prob, Heather!

Can you give tips later about how to find sources that are not us or our friends?

Rai Cornell Me too, I thought today was day 1. I didn't know about the first assignment.

Can we still do the first pitch?

Linda Formichelli Yes, Barb, in Lesson 2!

Genesis Elaine, I missed it, too. Having tech issues with the login page.

Charlene Oldham I wasn't able to sign in until slide 2 or 3. Will the presentation be available

later?

Sue-Ann what about a long learned experience story...like how you did something that

others can use in their businesses? for example

Lauren Shute Yes, Sue-Ann, I have the same question!
ChristinaE Uh oh, what happened to the sound?

Rai Cornell Oh!!!! Ok, thanks, Linda :-D

Duncan Pike Is it the exact same presentation on Thursday?

Carol Tice No - new ideas will be reviewed, and we don't do the presentation again

Noelle Salmi can we send more than one story idea this week?

Elaine Johnson Yes, I'm registered, Linda. My idea is a story about the financial cost of

substitute teachers used by Illinois school districts. The hook is the financial pressures facing the state and school districts, which is very much in the news today. I would pitch the idea to the Better Government Association (which publishes watchdog stories to its website) or to the Chicago Tribune.

Heide Brandes I was on the call, but sound went out! using mobile now

Duncan Pike ok, thanks!

Katherine I Some of the articles I like are personal essays--is a personal touch in an article

ok?

Kaitlin Morrison If we sent in an idea and it isn't covered today, do we need to submit it again in

the forums?

Linda Formichelli Yes, Katherine! Keep listening...we will be discussing reported essays.

Linda Formichelli That would be good, Kaitlin, so you can get it critiqued there...and/or on

Thursday's call.

Elaine Johnson Good to hear about essays. That's one area I really want to break into.

Katherine I Very cool thank you :)

Susan Lieu Can we pitch more than one idea?

Meredith can we submit more than one idea?

Carol Tice You can, but we are taking one per person on live calls

Kristine Goad Is phone reporting okay??? Or do I need to write only stories where I can meet

sources in person?

Heide Brandes I hope we can. I submitted more than one idea too

Carol Tice You can pitch many in forums

Christy Bagasao I read the writer's guidelines for a mag in Writer's Market that said no news

articles because of their 2-month lead time. Thoughts?

mona The writing I would like to do is also self-help essays.

Carol Tice Phone is fine, Kistine

Carol Tice \*Kristine
Kristine Goad Thanks, Carol!

Sue-Ann

oh oh...thats a great way...adding outside experts too...that could work for me!

Barb Hicks Are essays hard to break into as a new freelancer?

Terence Wallis it seems everything is difficult to break into as a new freelancer

Anna Zorn could you feasibly just create a query or loi for an essay you've written? would

you have better success getting your essay noticed this way?

Terence Wallis whether essay or otherwise
Mel Campbell Is there a format for the pitch?

Carol Tice Essays generally pay poorly -- the other reason they're not a subject of Pitch

Clinic

Carol Tice We're here to make you MONEY.

deb Is the best way to make sure the idea is new to the magazine google it? Or how

do you get a repository of their articles?

Blair Lyonev Where do I find the homework assignments for Pitch Clinic? I'm not finding it

on the dashboard.

Carol Tice Anna, I believe you just send in the essay. Your essay makes the sale -- make it

great!

Frank Hyman Good place for essays is on op-ed pages. No pay, but lots of play.

Carol Tice On the Class Materials page.

Carol Tice Blair

Carol Tice Email help@usefulwritingcourses.com if you can't find.

Jeremy Delancy Can the same techniques be adapted to White Paper clients?

Sue-Ann I love growing the idea from a "seed" plan

AL Pearsall I know FOBs are a great way to break in many times. I'm guessing these have

headlines, but these are often very abbreviated, right?

Barb Hicks Thanks. Sorry for sending five.

Michelle Sprout Murra Is a query different than a letter of introduction?

Rai Cornell Awww man... my idea was "How to Get Your Troubled Teen to Try

Counseling†.... Too similar?

Linda Formichelli Not a problem, Barb! We just choose the one we think is best to critique on the

call.

Matt Carli No news hook?

Kristine Goad No hook
Ryan Donovan No news hook
Canada

Genesis No hook

Ava Jarvis No news hook

Katherine I Why talk about it now?

Lisa K The list format sounds like a blog

Paula Nino It seems that it has been done before. Needs a new angle

Kaitlin Morrison No experts

Kristine Goad where's the expert?

deborah lazear Is the idea pitch in the first forum need to have magazine also or just an idea?

Next time post the narrow idea and magazine?

Debi McCarthy Need an expert's opinion, not just her own judy isenhour Pretty broad. What kind of counseling?

Elaine Johnson Maybe focus on a certain problem confronting kids? Or an age-group?

Linda Formichelli Headline, idea, and target markets for homework.

Rebekah Olsen How do you find sources for personal anecdotes? Say, if you want to include a

brief story to demonstrate why the topic you're covering is important to the

reader.

Charley @michelle-- an LOI is generally used for a business or trade pub. A query is

mostly used for a magazine.

Michelle Sprout Murra Thanks, Charley.

Sue-Ann along Jeremy lines...can these be used to pitch say, a regular writing gig...for

example, doing a company's newsletter? or business blog?

Carol Tice LOIs -- yes, Sue-Ann, they're for business pitching too.

Carol Tice Rebekah - we have resources in the course on finding sources. And it's good to

have real people sources. There are many ways to find.

Sue-Ann thx:)

Barb Hicks Or ... what questions are worthless...?

Stephanie Ward Thank you! :-)

Carol Tice Rai - the challenge of your topic is there are no magazines for parents of teens.

Lauren Shute ah that's me!
Rebekah Olsen Thanks, Carol!
Brenda Personal essay

Carol Tice We get ideas like this a lot...markets are a challenge.

Linda Formichelli http://www.womenshealthmag.com/health/detoxing

Barb Hicks Parents of teens.... readers digest?

Carol Tice No questions are worthless Barb. ;-)

Heide Brandes I can't see the pitches via mobile.

Heide Brandes ok! making sure :-)

Barb Hicks No, I mean about the questions for the therapist... fresh angle is "what

questions are worthless"

Carol Tice Ah

deborah lazear Did you know that a test on your kidneys can indicate a thyroid problem? How

about that for that forum member

shireen So a reported essay is what Micheal Pollan does often, right?

Kristine Goad With a news hook for Valentines Day...

Lisa K I like that one! That would be fun. I had a friend do it after breast cancer

surgery.

Katy Reiber I like Valentines news hook for the boudoir idea

Linda Formichelli Monica Bhide

Christy Bagasao I would love to read that frozen cocoa article! :)

Kaitlin Morrison mmmm

Robin Reynolds Thank You SO MUCH Carol & Linda

Tana Now I'm hungry

Carolyn Y'all are making me hungry :)

Rai Cornell http://realfoodrn.com/healthy-hot-chocolate-squares/

Carol Tice Right Shireen. Helps if you're an award-winning author when you pitch those.

Genesis Oooh, butter tarts. I miss those.

Amy Born Serendipity in NYC has a famous frozen hot chocolate. Expensive and, well, in

NYC. Maybe a jumping off point for DIY.

Robin Reynolds I'm listening! Hanging on to every word....lol

Cristina Williams +1 butter tart! Linda Formichelli Nice tip, Amy!

Duncan Pike FYI great recent butter tart article http://hazlitt.net/longreads/our-tarts-

ourselves

Heide Brandes squeeee! shireen lol Linda

Lisa K ooh cattle rustling... that's awesome

Mike\*Antares woah

Christy Bagasao That's a great one!

Barb Hicks Neat idea!

Tana That's a very interesting topic

Cristina Williams that is cool!
Paula Nino Love that idea!
sara gabriella very cool idea!
shireen interesting topic

mona This sounds really interesting..

Paula Nino Very uNique
Kaitlin Morrison WOW. That idea1

Ava Jarvis Nice!

Noelle Salmi Love the cattle rustling idea!

Charley woah. never heard of that. curious...:)

Anna Zorn great idea!

Shirley Love the cattle rustling!

Frank Hyman Modern Farmer might want the cattle rustling article.

Heide Brandes yay!!!! Flowers himself is such a character he'd make a great feature alone

Heide Brandes thanks Frank! that's a great tip!

Linda Formichelli Ooh, good idea, Frank. Though I'd tryu the consumer mags first and then the

trades.

Bill K Cattle rustling topic might work for the Wall Street Journal as well!

Linda Formichelli Because this could sell!

Tana It's so awesome to see people helping each other here in chat. :-)

Frank Hyman Modern Farmer isn't a trade--high-dollar mag for foodies. Favorite articles are

about farm crime.

Kaitlin Morrison There could be other guinea pig individuals to include in an article together

Heide Brandes NPR did something about it earlier this year when there was a big local story

about it

Frank Hyman MF pays \$1/word.

Tana To jump off of this cattle idea...Bill suggested WSJ...that's a pretty big market.

Should the writer have a decent number of clips to pitch to that big of a

market?

shireen True I gathered that about Michael Iol. Thanks Carol Heide Brandes Frank, I heart you! definitely looking at Modern Farmer!

Tana (that is a general question and not about Heide - I have no idea her

experience!)

Sue-Ann why haven't I heard of Modern Farmer?

Debi McCarthy If the cattle rustling is in the West (couldn't tell if West or Midwest), then High

Country News might be a target pub

Carol Tice Right Frank - could have worked better as a roundup on diabetics

Carol Tice Sue-Ann there are 1 MILLION pubs in the naked city!

Jessica what was the name of the pub that runs longform narrative non-fiction? i

missed it!

Christy Bagasao That's mine.

Christy Bagasao We homeschool our 8 kids on the road full-time.

Heide Brandes WSJ is tough. I wrote for them after tornado in Oklahoma, but no luck with

other pitches to them

Mike\*Antares What do you do when a story/idea you're working on breaks on a major

channel / market? e.g., NPR, WSJ, ABC...

Carol Tice Tana, WSJ is very competitive, even if you have a portfolio. ;-) But we say...go

for it if you have a GREAT idea.

Tana Okay. Wasn't sure if you should "save your nuggets" for later...

Duncan Pike Latterly magazine I think Jessica

Amanda Loudin Question--lots of 5 tips/10 that, etc. pitches here (I have some, too). I know this

has been trend for many pubs last few years. Is this a good format to continue

with going forward or are editors tiring of it?

Carol Tice Mikek I have a post about that -- will link shortly.

Christy Bagasao That was my fear--already done!
Christy Bagasao Thank you so much, Linda!

deb Where is the best place to get a list of magazines that actually do pay?

Jessica @Duncan thank you!

Charley @Amanda, I'm curious about that too

Katy Reiber thank you Carol!

Tana deb - Writer's Market is great

Barb Hicks Don't be afraid, Christy, jsut a little more digging!

Zina Kumok How far in advance should we pitch - for example, 3-6 months in advance?

Brenda Deb: Writers Market

Christy Bagasao Thank you, Barb! I'm intimidated, but committed!

Leslie QUESTION: How current does the news hook need to be?

Mike\*Antares @Christy - that's a great quote.

Heide Brandes Deb - writers market and a great newsletter called Freedom With Writing

Annelise Kelly Families in RVs article: what is the news hook there, please?

Susan Lieu will sources talk to you if you don't work for a big publication or newspaper?

Rai Cornell Nowadays, whenever I see an article that starts with "10 ways to..." or "5

new..." I skip over it. A lot of websites and news sources have ruined this type

of format and I'm always disappointed by the list items.

Christy Bagasao @Mike, ha ha! It's the story of my life! ;)

deb thanks

Kaitlin Morrison Ugh...I hate the "10 ways to..." but I've pitched a few. Can't escape it right now.

People still like those.

Amanda Loudin @raicornell thank you

Alaska I know, same here Kaitlin. The '10 ways to' thing is so popular now Barb Hicks Carol and Linda can you weigh in on the "Ten ways to..." thing?

Carol Tice Susan, you'll be surprised how many will. We do a lot of coaching on this in

Pitch Clinic and see a LOT of students get great results doing pre-interviews for

queries with no assignment yet.

Sue-Ann the numbers are about headline grabbing Carol Tice Deb, there's not ONE answer to that.

Annelise Kelly thanks for your reply!

Alaska I used to love Matador Network, but now it's just full of a lot more superficial

articles using that format

Christy Bagasao The hook I was thinking was the influx of families who lost their homes moving

into RVs and also the rise in homeschool and entrepreneurialship causing

people to be free to head into RVs.

deborah lazear the website called discovershareinspire.com

Barb Hicks Ooo, that's me!

Carol Tice Depends on kinds of markets you want. deborah lazear All about homeschooling and traveling

Charley @Susan Lieu -- in my experience, yes. I got quotes from two celebrities using

HARO. And I write for a small blog:)

Carol Tice But Google is pretty useful these days.

Rai Cornell It's popular because it worked at first, but the market is flooded with worthless

"10 ways to..." articles now unfortunately :-/

Carol Tice We have other resources in the class.

Carol Tice Mike -- http://www.makealivingwriting.com/darnit-story-idea-published/

Carol Tice What to do when story has appeared in media already.

Annelise Kelly @Charley, what's HARO?

Kaitlin Morrison HARO is AMAZING.

Susan Lieu That's good to know! Thanks Carol and Charley

Kaitlin Morrison Help a Reporter Out Carol Tice Help a Reporter Out

Workforce on the road.

Carol Tice It's hard to use without an assignment

Annelise Kelly thanks re: HARO

Kaitlin Morrison You post your need for a source and people contact you directly

Barb Hicks News hook for chores?
Charley @Annelise -- what Carol said

Mike\*Antares thx Carol

Christy Bagasao Thank you, @Mike.

Heather Tucker Was that recently Charley (re: HARO)? They have new rules about how big you

have to be in order to send out a source request but maybe there is a way past

that.

Linda Formichelli Barb, it could be thata growing number of people are not having their kids do

chores? Or that a popular blogger has come out saying her kid doesn't do chores? Sometimes the news hook comes after you develop the idea.

judy isenhour I agree. You're right.

Frank Hyman "No Chores: How I Trained My Kids to Think I Was Their Servant" pitched to

Brat magazine.

Kaitlin Morrison I write for small trade mags (circulation of 20,000). And HARO works just fine

for me.

Linda Formichelli No bias there, huh, Frank? :);)

Barb Hicks Frank, do i detect a smidgen of bias? :-)

Frank Hyman I'm all bias :-)

Charley yes, @Heather. I write for Keepinspiring.me, a small personal development

blog. I revealed the pub I write for in the HARO request. Here's the piece - keepinspiring.me/9-habits-of-likeable-people-according-to-hollywood-and-pr-

experts/

Amy Born That's funny, Frank. I was thinking something similar!

Christy Bagasao I love it @Frank!

Heather Tucker Great, thanks Charley. :)
Charley love the idea, Frank

mona Frank, can you write my titles! :-)

Heide Brandes I've used HARO so much! they never fail!

Sue-Ann I want to do a personal profile locally on my mom...77 real old real estate

broker tooling around town in her vintage MG convertible...doing good and

selling houses!

Carol Tice See above tip #5, Sue-Ann

Katherine I Ooh there was a Modern Love NYTimes article on asexuality recently

Carol Tice You can't profile your mom.

Stephanie Ward You could probably find many parents who don't believe in having kids do

chores, via the internet, in the unschooling community

Mike\*Antares Had no idea about HARO. Super cool resource.

Stephanie Ward @Frank ha ha!

Carol Tice We actually consider it a last resource, Mike. You get a lot of self-interested

people there who are not necessarily the BEST expert. Do your own research

first.

Mike\*Antares copy that

Barb Hicks Oh, thanks. no HARO unless you're desperate.

Heide Brandes true, but if you need a source specific that you can't find on your own, it's

awesome!

Linda Formichelli Doreen, are you here? Have good advice for you coming up! :)

Tana You'd be surprised how many college professors are willing to be

interviewed...and many of them are subject matter experts

Sue-Ann Is tip #5 the personal essay thing? sorry a little lost a minute

Heide Brandes Tana- YES! Great point! profs are totally legit too mona Mistake #5: It's all about you (or your friends)

Mike\*Antares @Tana - I was thinking the same thing earlier

Christy Bagasao @Sue-Ann, yes. That's okay. :)

Sue-Ann thanks mona

Linda Formichelli No, Sue-Ann! Personal essays are SUPPOSED to be about you, but we don; 't do

them in this class because you don't pitch them with a query. You send in the

whole essay.

Mike\*Antares That reminds me of academia.edu

Barb Hicks All in headline. Like after you see the trailer you feel like you saw the movie.

Tana Yeah, they're busy...but many also really like to talk about their subject. And

themselves.;-P

Amy Born I worked briefly in the PR office of a local university. They love getting profs in

the press as experts.

Carol Tice #5 is don't write about you or your friends

Tana Oh yeah, Amy! I didn't even think about that - the PR office could be a good

first contact.

Sue-Ann haha...she is MY friend! lol

Carol Tice Academics are a GOLD MINE of expert sources, and what Amy says -- they're

DYING to get press.

Carol Tice Helps them with tenure and career track.

Heide Brandes I use profs for the local mags, but for some reason forgot about them for

national ideas

Mike\*Antares @Heide - what I've noticed in national stories is the writer seems to go for 3-4

profs coast-to-coast

Charley how do you contact professors and academics? Through uni email?

Mike\*Antares sometimes int'l even

Mike\*Antares @Charley - yes, and Uni PR offices

Charley thanks, @Mike

Heide Brandes yup! I need to use profs more!

Jeremy Delancy Do you have to pitch Front of The Book Pieces as well?

Tammy Farrell @Linda is an 'inkwell piece' a category type?

Stephanie Ward I actually saw a link today to a publication specifically about liquor

Linda Formichelli Jeremy, you can write a short pitch or send in the whole thing if you really,

really want to write it. That's how I broke into Details and Psychology Today, by

sending in a whole FOB.

Ava Jarvis People might also like "old vs new" type stories.

Barb Hicks What is a Front of The Book Piece?

Linda Formichelli And I faxed them, if that tells you how long ago it was! :)

Heide Brandes Stephanie - that's my kind of mag - lol!

Linda Formichelli Barb, small picces usually in the front of the magazine...news department,

products, etc.

Stephanie Ward @Heide ha! ha! :)
Jeremy Delancy Thank you Formichelli

Carol Tice Sure, there are liquor trades.

Ava Jarvis there are magazines about everything.

sara gabriella what is an inkwell piece?
Robin Reynolds Pen World! lol I love it!

Linda Formichelli Sara, I think that's their back of the book department? You'd have to check the

mag.

Heather Tucker I have a commission with Pen World at the moment. Really lovely editor!

Heide Brandes Ooooh! really? I know a guy who created homemade pens!

Linda Formichelli Heather, too funny!!! I read the whole thing and now I want a nice pen.

Ava Jarvis "effective" is also kind of fuzzy? but yeah, big pumpkin piece!

Karin DuBois Can you pitch to a magazine outside of your own country? (assuming you are

fluent in the language spoken there)

Stephanie Ward Homemade pens! I love it!

Heather Tucker It is a very expensive habit to get into. ;)
Heide Brandes @heather - are they easy to reach?

Tana Oh, man...the psychology of pens is pretty intense!
Heather Tucker Very Heide...her details are also in Writer's Market

Heide Brandes Thanks Heather!

Carol Tice Yes, Karin. People do it all the time.

Duncan Pike That's me!

Heather Tucker If you can't find them, let me know. It isn't published monthly is the only

downside. :)

Amanda Loudin I LOVE this tequila pitch!

Carol Tice Writers can talk about pens all day...

AL Pearsall Nice one Duncan

Noelle Salmi Tequila idea is a good one! Very premium today.

Stephanie Ward I love the tequila pitch too.

Duncan Pike FYI I'm travelling to Mexico in a few weeks

Karin DuBois Thanks Carol. I recently read in a US mag's writer's guidelines that they

required the person's Social Insurance Number when pitching which made me

question whether I could pitch there since I am Canadian.

Jeremy Delancy Anybody interested in handmade pens should check out their local

woodturner. Generally they are happy to talk about how they're made.

Mike\*Antares Pilot G2 0.7mm, all day every day, black preferred, blue acceptable, red for

changes

Lisa K I know my son is going to be a writer just by his shared obsession for pens

Amanda Loudin @duncanpike research opportunity!

Tana My old boss was VERY SPECIFIC that thank you notes/personal notes should

always be written in BLUE ink because it's more friendly. :-)

Carol Tice Yeah, - awesome market match here.

Tana Mike - Pilot G2 0.5!!

Brenda Need to do some empirical research!

Ava Jarvis wow

Carol Tice I miss the ink-cartridge nib pen I used to use to write my song lyrics. But it

always leaked on things.

Jessica do you think Pen World has a lot of inkwell pieces ;)

Heide Brandes Hey! no name! contact me! I have a source for tequila - he handles Casamigo,

which is George Clooney's brand. he hooked up with tiny distiller in Mexico

Sheri Rose What you are sharing is helping me narrow more the idea I sent in earlier. Still

working on the title, though. I struggle with creating catchy titles.r•tTITLE: Rockabye Baby to the Tree Top of Success --- or--- How Rocking Chair and a Gentle Souls Develop Healthy Babies Still working on this one.r•tWHY?: not many people realize the need for infant care of children whose parents are incarcerated, passed away, or whose guardians are too sick to care for them.r•tTOPIC: Early childhood development as related to cognitive and emotional development, and success in life – crack babies; malnutrition; neglect and failure to thrive; ATTACHMENT DISORDERS AND how program helps in the total development of the childr•tYouthToday - Looking for articles about organizations outside of schools that help students to develop, improve, and/or succeed. Youth organizations, juvenile probation officers, faith-

based organizations

Duncan Pike @Heide awesome! How can I reach you?

Heide Brandes heide@heidewrites.com

Stephanie Ward Love the Shenandoah Trails idea!

AL Pearsall Talk about sidebars!

Mike\*Antares Awesome @Tana - good choice :)

Barb Hicks Spring editions...

Brenda LOL @AL

Duncan Pike Thanks - I'll be in touch!

Carol Tice Sheri, neither of those headlines tell me what the story will really be about --

incarcerated people? Need to get that in.

Heide Brandes TrailGroove Magazine is very accepting! need quality photos though vincenza\_1 Hi - just checking ideas sent thru this clcik webinar yesterday are being

considered?

Carol Tice I thought it would be about how rocking kids in a rocking chair has particular

advantages.

Carol Tice Vincenza, we are going through as fast as possible.

Chris Raley hook with the gov shutdown looming (it will happen again after the stop gap

they will pass this month

AL Pearsall sounds good re: checking forum

Sheri Rose Yeah. I like the idea of the incarcerated addition.

Mike\*Antares Rocking Chair or Electric Chair? How Soothing Your Kid May Prevent Criminal

Behavior

Alaska Does TrailGroove magazine pay though?

Amanda Loudin @mikeantares he, he

Sheri Rose It is kind of about that Carol, but Mike---great. I really like it.

Frank Hyman @mike--great grabby headline.

Heide Brandes pays \$100, but hiking articles are hard to pitch. pays low, but national pub

Carol Tice Wow Mike

Barb Hicks I say pitch shenandoah trail idea to local magazine.

Barb Hicks Even washingtonian... all the DC people going to hike there.

Amanda Loudin This one is mine

Clair McLafferty Whoops! The George Dickel distillery idea is mine.

Amanda Loudin Good point on RW

Gayla Grace As a runner, I agree with you LInda

Heide Brandes I love that idea! I had a hard time leaving treadmill for the road. could it be a

pitch for Family Circle?

yvie agreed on running mags. seen this many times before

Susan Lieu what if the one I submitted is a personal essay, but I want to submit another

that is not personal? Which one will the editors critic?

Sheri Rose The thing is---the parents are not rocking their kids. It's about volunteers doing

that in place of parents who cannot, one of the reasons being incarceration. I do like the title though, and it helps me narrow what I'm thinking about doing.

Carol Tice We won't critique essays

Frank Hyman DDIY. Will be stealing that one. :-)

Heide Brandes it's a great idea!

AL Pearsall It really is

Amanda Loudin As an adoptee who has never wanted to know my bio background for that

reason, I'd read that!

Heide Brandes can you interview Amanda?

Mike\*Antares ^^

Sue-Ann been in catering and event industry for over 25 years and DDIY clients are

definitely confused!

Amanda Loudin @heidebrandes happy to! Heide Brandes hey! sources right here!!!!

Jeremy Delancy Seen adoption nightmare stories on DailyBeast and other such websites.

Linda Formichelli http://www.therenegadewriter.com/2014/06/08/article-idea-meh-to-wow
Carol Tice I think the question Sheri is -- who is the audience? Where is the market?

Barb Hicks THanks, Linda!

Annelise Kelly My homework for myself: make note of the News Hook in all the articles I

read....

Heide Brandes ^^

Carol Tice That's a great exercise Annelise

Frank Hyman Essayists can perhaps get published, earn beer money and pay their writing

dues if your local or regional paper has an "Our Lives' type monthly slot for

local columnists.

Annelise Kelly Thanks @Carol

Ava Jarvis Hi :)

Tana That's a great idea Annelise. In my grad school classes we had to analyze

journal articles to understand how to write them

sara gabriella Thanks! Linda Formichelli yay!!!

Amanda Loudin @linda the link is broken
Ava Jarvis @linda site is overwhelmed

Linda Formichelli /http://www.therenegadewriter.com/2014/06/08/article-idea-meh-to-wow/

sara gabriella I'm going to do that too, Annelise!

Sheri Rose •tprofessional youth workers and administrators of youth service, youth

advocacy and youth policy programs. They include:rif~t direct care workers (teachers, day care providers, counselors, recreation staffrif~tjuvenile corrections officers)rif~tmanagers of nonprofit and for-profit agencies (from the YMCA down to the smallest community-based agencies)rif~toperators of

faith-based programs and public

agencies,rif~tacademicsrif~tlobbyistsrif~tgovernment

administratorsrïf~tlegislative and executive staff.rïf~tthe "typical" reader is a 39-year-old program manager with a master's degree and 10 or more years experience in the youth service field.rïf~tThe readership - Predominantly, readers are not teens - other than those employed as peer counselors and the

like - and parents (although many agency staffers are also parents).

Noelle Salmi

Where can you find out that Family Circle targets parents of tweens and teens?

Katy Reiber I got it on the second try
Linda Formichelli It worked for me jyst now!
Sue-Ann Annelise...great idea!

Linda Formichelli Noelle, I just learned it by being in the industry...maybe an editor told me of

the switch to older paremts? Also, I used to write for tjem a LOT. This is the kind of stuff you learn the more you pitch and write and learn about the

industry.

Amanda Loudin Worked for me too, thanks
Ava Jarvis Just reloaded, it works now!

Heide Brandes Noelle - Writers market or submission guidelines online?

Noelle Salmi OK thanks, Linda.

Tana yay! Heide Brandes yay Tana

Tana Thank you for pronouncing my name correctly!

Ava Jarvis I AM INTO BOARD GAMES.

Carol Tice Exploding Kittens.
Tana BOARD GAMES ROCK

AL Pearsall Ha!

Ava Jarvis I used to write for Board Game News!

Tana ooo!

Amanda Loudin @tana I like this--I hate screen time for my kids but this makes it appealing and

a great way to find that middle ground w/ my kids

Carol Tice Ha, so does Linda's hubby!

Genesis OH, I like this idea

Sheri Rose I wanted to show how one organization runs this part of their program, and

how it is helping the kids they serve

Tana Linda - my husband has a BGG account! Heide Brandes wow there IS a mag for everything!

AL Pearsall This is really fun.

Stephanie Ward Cool! I love BoardGameGeek.com

Ava Jarvis Me too! BGG is awesome!!

Tana Don Schiewer

Tana (pa5t0rd)

Tammy Farrell same husband?;)

Carol Tice LOL
AL Pearsall LOL
Genesis haha

Rai Cornell So you can try new games, of course!
Carol Tice Sheri - what's the name of the pub?

Tana Yeah, the title is problematic

Ava Jarvis Agree on title.

Tana Thank you, Linda!!

Ava Jarvis :D

Heide Brandes This is really fun and helpful

Linda Formichelli Sure!

Linda Formichelli I'll see if Eric knows Don!

Sheri Rose Youth Today

Tana Amanda - eurogames are awesome for kids! My 12 year old loves them

Ava Jarvis This has been incredibly helpful.

Tana Cool, Linda!

yvie if you didn't talk about our idea on this call, do we have to send in our idea

again to be talked about on the next call? I know you said to also post to

forum, but wasn't sure about for next phone call

Stephanie Ward Thank you for the excellent seminar. This has been terrific.

Tana LOL

Ava Jarvis Tana - I so want to get in touch. I know some of the designers and suchlike

Tana AVA PLEASE DO!!!

Carol Tice Yvie, you can either post in forums or bring to Thursday call.

Tana tana.schiewer@gmail.com
Kathy Marshall should I be scared??
Tammy Farrell my son was tongue-tied

Ava Jarvis arachne.jar@gmail.com
Carol Tice Your choice Yvie

Mike\*Antares Just don't challenge me on TTR - you will lose ;-)

Tammy Farrell i did the op at 3 months. they asked me if i wanted to hold him while they did

it!

Genesis Yes. Older kids with tongue-tie.

Carol Tice Sheri -- the question with your idea is what's the practical takeaway for their

readers? Will there be tips on how to implement this kind of program in your

local prisons, for instance?

Genesis My oldest son has it, but everyone told me it couldn't be an issue because he

talked so well . . . but it was.

Mike\*Antares For anyone who'd like to network on Twitter: https://twitter.com/mikeantares

@MikeAntares

Sheri Rose I really like Mike's title, and it could be used to start a general discussion and

lead to how it is happening at this specific center.

Tana Mike - Ticket to Ride?

Kathy Marshall Really? Thanks for the input and advice!

Mike\*Antares @Tana - yup

elfish i've not heard of tongue tie

Christy Bagasao Tongue tie for older kids--great idea!

Linda Formichelli don

Ava Jarvis I gotta go - next meeting Alaska Huh, that's interesting

Ava Jarvis This has been great, very informative, and I learned quite a lot!

Kathy Marshall Thanks Linda! Awesome!

Sheri Rose I like that idea, Carol. I do need to do more research.

Ava Jarvis Thanks Linda and Carol. :)
Barb Hicks What is Mike's Title?
Sheri Rose Yes. Thanks ladies.

Carol Tice Sounds like a personal rant.

Michelle Sprout Murra Thanks, Linda and Carol! Great information!

Mike\*Antares @Barb - lol

Christy Bagasao Question about illegal sugar--great news hook, but what about the X month

delay? No longer news?

Mike\*Antares A Packet Full of Poison

Tana ooo

Christy Bagasao I mean the X month publication delay.

mona Mike, your twitter feed is crazy. Just followed you. Follow back so we can

converse.

Annelise Kelly When I want to research published articles to find out if I'm duplicating (or

whatever) -- are there better inside tricks than just googling the topic?

LeAnne How on earth do we know what will be newsworthy in the future?

Christy Bagasao Thank you, Carol.

Barb Hicks LeAnne -- good question!

Brenda Editorial calendar

Linda Formichelli All...no matter whether we critiue your ideas on this call or the next call, please

do take them to the forum so the editors can see and you can get your final permission to move on to assignment 2 next week. The editors (and Carol and I) can help you perfect the idea if needed as well. This call is just to get you a

head start and learn how to come up with ideas.

Heide Brandes hey, I hate to do this! I gotta make a call :-(

LeAnne where's the link? LeAnne oops. Thanks!

Barb Hicks How do we find out about studies coming out?

Carol Tice http://usefulwritingcourses.com/pitch-clinic-fall-2015
Tammy Farrell @linda - do we offer up more than one pitch? there

Tana Thank you!!
Duncan Pike Thanks you!
Cristina Williams thanks!

Amanda Loudin Thank you all--learned so much already!

AL Pearsall A little overwhelmed, but excited.

Frank Hyman Thanks !!

Barb Hicks Whew. Drinking from fire hose.

Leland Hoover great help, thanks!

Judith Docken Thank you!

Tammy Farrell tks

Genesis thank you so much. This was awesome.
mona Thank you Linda and Carol! Amazing!
Annelise Kelly Thanks, I'm excited about the class!

Tana It's helpful to hear critiques of not just your own idea but others as well

Cheryl Warren Thank you.

Linda Formichelli B ut for the class ypu'

Kathy Marshall Thanks ladies!

Linda Formichelli II work on ONE query and ONE LOI elfish what time thusday is the next call?

AL Pearsall @Barb Right?

LeAnne how do I get to the forum; I'm already registered

Barb Hicks Do we re-submit?

Leslie Tribble Thanks, see you in the Pitch forums.

Mike\*Antares Thanks Carol + Linda - great tips today :)

deborah lazear It would be nice to get everyone some feedback Jessica thank you!! feeling more confident already!!

Gerard See you all in class! Mel Campbell Great! Thank You!

Alaska This was really fun. I like how interactive everyone is, and I learned a lot from

listening to all the pitch critiques.

Shirley Thank you for all the help you gave today - learning lots!

Christy Bagasao Thank you so much! I came in scared, I'm leaving empowered. I hate that word,

but love the concept. ;)

Tammy Farrell great to hear about an LOI expert on the panel

Carol Tice We'd have to go for about another hour, Debra -- want to respect people's

time.

Mike\*Antares Anyone else wanting to connect on twitter: https://twitter.com/mikeantares

Katherine I thanks! LeAnne Thanks!!

Katherine I Everyone is so creative!

Clair McLafferty When will the transcript of this call go live?

AL Pearsall http://twitter.com/animasolaarts

Linda Thank you! yvie thank you!

Rai Cornell THanks, everyone :-)

Rebekah Olsen Thank you!
Karin DuBois thanks!
Sue-Ann thanks!!

christina very helpful thx!

Clair McLafferty I can't wait to read it over again.

AL Pearsall See you Thurs!

Carol Tice Replay will be up shortly -- transript takes a few days.

Anna Zorn thank you!

Barb Hicks See you Thursday. Thank you!

Noelle Salmi Thank you!

Katy Reiber Thank you Linda and Carol!

Mike\*Antares @Christy: maybe there's an article there on overused words like empowered?

Karin DuBois bye

Heather Tucker Bye everyone.

Susan Lieu thursday same time?

sara gabriella Thank you, see you Thursday!

Charley bye everyone Genesis bye thanks