

Leland Hoover I hear you
 Linda Formichelli Hi, all!
 Katy Reiber I can hear you
 Linda Formichelli Thanks!
 judy isenhour loud and clear
 annelise kelly I hear you! in Portland, OR.... Hi everyone!
 Fredrick Strein I don't hear anything
 Katy Reiber Annelise - Love Portland!
 Stephanie Ward Hello. :-)
 Linda Formichelli There is no sound right now. We'll get started in around 6 minutes.
 Genesis Yay, I actually got in on this one!
 Lisa K Hi - forgot to email my question so here it is, in case you can get to it: My pitch still doesn't have the 'greenlight' word in it. Should I try another, or keep working it? I'm literally looking for the word 'greenlight'; :) LOL

 Christy Bagasao Hi Genesis! I took your beta online writing class years ago.
 Amy Born Hi Everyone.
 Carol Tice Send us a link Lisa
 Tammy Farrell Hi all!
 Heide Brandes not hearing sound...
 John Hello from the Great Whie North..
 Carol Tice We're starting in 2 mins...no sound at this time.
 Heide Brandes whew! hi everyone!!!
 Sheri Rose Here.
 Ava Jarvis Hi there!
 Leslie Tribble @LisaK I was wondering about the "official" green light as well.
 Amy Born I have 2 questions about the podcast of Module 2. One is rhetorical... how have I made it this far in life without knowing that word is spelled "lede?". The second has to do with the ledes that Linda presented... I love all those article ideas but I don't get the news hook in them. What am I missing?

 Carol Tice Rai if you're on the call...if you want a review live on an idea please post it here in chat.
 Christine Hi everyone!
 Ava Jarvis Sound!
 Lisa K <http://usefulwritingcourses.com/forum/pitch-clinic-pitches/why-arent-more-parents-including-parochial-schools-in-their-school-choice-discussions-and-separately-how-can-parochial-schools-market-themselves-in-todays-competitive-school-choice-environment/>
 That's the link :)
 Lisa K Hey there! Yep!
 Cristina Williams now yes.
 Frank Hyman yes
 Genesis Hello!
 Clair McLafferty Hi Carol, no, I don't want to take away from today's event. Email feedback would be great.
 Rai Yes.
 Amy Born yes from Ithaca, NY :)
 Debbie Curtis yes, thanks!
 Sue-Ann yep!
 Anna Zorn Yes!
 annelise kelly Christy, I remember you from that class. :)
 Genesis Thank you, same thread.
 AL Pearsall Any chance we could get a link to session outside of this class frame? My chat text is squashed
 Ryan Donovan Mine just said, "Onward!" :D
 Genesis If I got a green light on two different ideas, should I develop both into full-blown queries or just one?
 Charlene Oldham Ryan, you can expand full screen . . . there's a little icon at the top with four arrows.
 Genesis My idea was only critiqued on the last call so I don't know if I'm good to go.
 Leslie Tribble

AL Pearsall Thanks for idea about using second pitch for pitch challenge
Cristina Williams Um, am I the only one hearing elevator music in the background?
Rai Yes, Cristina
Sue-Ann love the font adjust!
annelise kelly BRAND NEW PITCH, Hastily expressed: April 4 is landmine awareness day. Rats, trained to detect TNT by smell, have helped (Mozambique) become landmine free, and theyâ€™re now heading to Cambodia. Rats are also trained to identify tuberculosis. Dogs detect dangerous mold in the home. Dolphins detect underwater mines. Iâ€™ll share with readers (3-4-5) surprising ways that trained animals are using their acute senses to help humanity. Target market: Yes magazine, Discover, others?

Cristina Williams Thanks - much better :)
Katy Reiber I right clicked the frame and chose open frame in new tab. That worked for me
annelise kelly No elevator music here....
Leslie Tribble Thanks Linda
Charlene Oldham The query template you recommend can get somewhat long. How long is too long for a query?
Carol Tice <http://www.makealivingwriting.com/freelance-article-writers-find-facts-fast/>
Sue-Ann Annelise...You have so many great story ideas! I like the look at different and not just one animal sensing "disaster"
Christy Bagasao No, he's not in my town.
Meredith How long should I wait for an editor's comment before I "bump" my Story Idea up to the top?
Christy Bagasao Thank you, so just keep swimming swimming swimming in the source pool until I hook a few.
annelise kelly Thanks Sue-Ann!!!
Rai I know what Ryan means. Usually these open up in a whole new browser window. Instead, for this course the window is embedded in the page.
Ava Jarvis Note: there is a little "expand to full screen" in the frame that you can use
SAIMA ZAIDI Hello! I was wondering when to start posting other ideas once one has been green lighted. For the eight pitch challenge.
Rebekah Olsen On finding sources: I asked on a previous call how to find sources for personal anecdotes. You mentioned there was a resource for that, but I can't find it. Just struggling to find "normal" people whose story is in line with my article idea.
Ryan Donovan Bingo, Rai
annelise kelly regarding using a friend as a source: what about when they are an anecdotal source, not an expert source?
Katy Reiber Try right clicking and choosing open frame in new tab
Carol Tice <https://freelancewriters4.clickwebinar.com/pitch-clinic-lesson-2-q-a>
Amanda Loudin Hi from Md!
Carol Tice There's the raw ClickWebinar link if you want tto try it outside of our Useful Writing site
Maria Michael Hi from Alabama
Carol Tice You're hearing us talking now, yes?
AL Pearsall yes
Ryan Donovan Perfect! Thanks, Carol
Brian Wu Hi, are you still reading/checking the module 1 pitches? I'd love to do the query letter, but I need to know if I'm headed in the right direction
Amanda Loudin Question: I have always pitched with about 3 paragraphs in my query, believing that less is more. How many paragraphs total do you recommend to fit in all that is in your template?
Tana A lot of the notes on Writer's Market say "send your pitch plus two clips" - do you still not include clips?
Rai That's what we needed, thanks Carol!!
Mike*Antares Bump @Tana's Q
Rai Linda, I lost our chat window. Can you re-open?
Frank Hyman I include links to articles as clips rather than attachments.
Linda Formichelli Rai, it's still up on my screen! Not sure why yours is gone.

annelise kelly regarding citations: I bet it's a good idea to keep close track of your sources so you can submit them to fact checkers if requested....

Rai Linda, I switched windows.

Carol Tice Rai, we reviewed this in the forums.

Rai Yes, and I revised it per your instructions before Thursday's call.

Carol Tice I left a LENGTHY comment.

Carol Tice Link? Happy to review it again after the call.

Sue-Ann Cattle and Wine

Rai I emailed it to you, Carol.

Rai the link

Linda Formichelli Cool because I don't see the revised one in that thread. :)

LeAnne Can we throw out some ideas?

Linda Formichelli Sure!

Tana @Frank - but my articles aren't linked, so the only way to do it is PDF. I guess I understand the "not attaching PDFs" to an email, but I also don't want to ignore the editor's request for clips

Linda Formichelli Brian, are you here?

Katy Reiber Tana - Put the PDFs up on your writer site and send those URLs

Linda Formichelli I see your revise. Please give us at least 24 hours to get back. But I will ding Carol.

Brian Wu @Linda yes

Ava Jarvis Money Should Flow To The Writer

Brian Wu Ok, thanks!

BarbHicks Can you find out if blogs pay by looking up Alexa

BarbHicks ?

Ava Jarvis Alexa gives blog audience rankings. some of the biggest blogs do NOT pay.

Carol Tice Yes, everyone PLEASE give us at least 24 hours to respond to posts... I am looking at a queue of 100 unread posts right now.

Tana I'm referring to the writer's guidelines for submissions that say "include pitch + 2 clips"

Carol Tice It's a LOT of work in the first couple weeks of htis class!

Maria Michael No i just noted that this came up when i researched my pitch ...thanx Linda and Carol

Carol Tice Paste them in the body of the email, I say.

Tana WHY NOT!?!?!? (just kidding)

SusanL How do you know when blogs pay? I ran into Mix which requests personal essays. It says it pays a fee if chosen and then "royalties" based popularity. What is that model? Is it a content mill?

Tana okedoke!

Katy Reiber I have clips that are only PDFs, but I link to them from my writer site

Frank Hyman Can pdf's be installed on your own website? and use that as a link for initial query?

Linda Formichelli LOLOL

Linda Formichelli Frank, yes...definitely!

Linda Formichelli If you have a Wordpress site, they make it super easy to upload attachments to your site.

Meredith Thanks for the definite response time, Carol.

Ava Jarvis SusanL - it depends on the blog. Some don't pay (HuffPo is notorious for this). Some pay on acceptance. Some only pay "royalties" based on views. Ask up front when the editor says yes to your query perhaps.

annelise kelly @Frank, yes, I do that on my wordpress site annelisekelly.com

Tana @Linda Cool, I'll give that a whirl

Ava Jarvis Yup, agree with that.

yvie Idea: Food Addiction: Dieting vs. Dating? Food addiction is a controversial topic in the fitness world. While traditional nutritional experts posit that sufferers just need to show more self-control, authors such as Vera Taman and Philip Werdell in their book, Food Junkies: The Truth about food addiction" argue that foods like sugar and wheat are just as addictive as alcohol and drugs and food addicts can be treated in a similar manner to alcoholics. However, common advice says that addicts should avoid relationships Should you wait a year before entering a new relationship if you're a recovering food addict? Mags: Weight watchers, Prevention; self; Sorry - I haven't fully done research on where this would fit. Wanted to hear feedback about idea first. Thx

Sue-Ann I'm still waiting for my revised idea review and greenlight...but here is another idea I've been working on: "Should I Fear Death for Calling the Police?" this is about some examples that can scare you to death...like the recent case shown on maybe it was 60 minutes or 20/20 but the lady called for police help for her mentally ill son and he was shot in cold blood...and the recent article where an instance of police putting a rape victim under arrest as a liar and ending up with the death of a little boy? ...etc.

Carol Tice Yvie didn't we review this on the forums?
Linda Formichelli <http://www.therenegadewriter.com/2014/06/22/6-smart-ways-to-find-out-if-a-magazine-pays-for-freelance-articles/>
great reference! thanks!

Katy Reiber Carol - I didn't put it in the forums. I sent it via email
yvie Sue-Ann, I thought Sarah said this was too touchy for the mags you wanted to pitch?
Linda Formichelli because I couldn't get the thing to send at first
yvie Is it really detrimental to make a pitch before you have your own website?
BarbHicks how do you join the den?
SusanL Yvie, I think we reviewed that on the last call?
Linda Formichelli WOO for the Den opening soon!
Ava Jarvis Linda: "I think you should send this out ASAP" not just to American Baby, but other pregnancy/parenting mags as well." I know we've been over this before, but I am not understanding. We do NOT send queries to national competitors simultaneously, correct? Or we do, and first come first serve?
Christy Bagasao OH! Sorry - I missed the last call and just read the transcript. I'll go back and look again. SO SORRY!

yvie :)
yvie Christy, I posted a link to a blog post I wrote that explains this issue.
Linda Formichelli Let me find it and post it here.
Linda Formichelli In your opinion, how long is too long for a query letter?
Charlene Oldham im with Christy on the multiple sources
Heide Brandes sorry multiple markets
Heide Brandes Not detrimental, Barb, you just don't come off as professional as you would if you had a site.
Carol Tice You could use your LinkedIn profile in the meanwhile.
Brian Wu @Frank uploading PDFs on Wordpress is similar to uploading pictures
Linda Formichelli <http://www.therenegadewriter.com/2012/03/12/the-art-of-the-simultaneous-query/>
Fredrick Strein HI Everyone
Sue-Ann the comment I saw from her was that the idea (creativity in business) was an important one and she asked questions including who my experts would be...and i followed that up...thx!

Christy Bagasao Forever is a long wait. :(
Heide Brandes what happens if two mags want it?
BarbHicks And you'll starve.
Rebekah Olsen I had an article picked up THREE years after I pitched it. Couldn't even remember what I wrote haha!

Christina can you talk about the differences between pitching a newspaper, like a weekly, versus a magazine? Are there significant differences, other than being very current news related?
Heide Brandes oh! i hope that happens!!!!
Fredrick Strein why is it so difficult to find contact info for in flight magazines?
Heide Brandes amen Frederick!

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annelise kelly
Carol Tice
Kaitlin Throgmorton
Linda Formichelli
Casey
Carol Tice

Okay, thank you! So send it to everyone! :)
Yes! But read that post...because in certain cases you may want to give an editor an exclusive.
SEND ALL THE THINGS!
If you have radio silence after a pitch, how soon do you pitch that mag again?
LOL, Tana
@tana -lol
:-)
What are some tips for new writers with no clips? I've read your posts that advise still coming up with a website that, at minimum, highlights your niche market. Is that good enough until we get started? I mean.... there always has to be a first article, right?! :)
@tana - LOL
@Tana LOL
I have a tour set up for next week.
Anna, I have a post on that...hold on...
Thanks!
I totally agree.
<http://www.therenegadewriter.com/2011/12/05/clips-101-what-they-are-and-arent-how-to-get-them-and-how-to-make-the-most-of-your-clips/>
Sounds like a kickass article.
^That's a great blog post
If heartwarming can be kickass.
YAY!
Thanks!
awesome
in-flight magazines help?
Frederick, have you tried calling? I know they are a tough nut to crack!
Yeah---The second one I thought it sounded like a movie trailer. LOL. I am trying not to be so academic.
Sheri, cool! If you have a tour, you have a green-light to mod 2. Go on that tour, talk to a few people and start your pitch!
Sure. Thanks.
I have not tried calling. Just internet research.
Is it a press tour, Sheri? Where you'll get to talk to a couple people?
Frederick, do try calling.
so the little human story is good for the lede, but not a nut graf.
The nut graf os where you tie it all together...what are you writing aboutZ?Z Why should they run it?
sorry Linda...did you see what I wrote above about my idea response from Sarah?
The tour is with the director of publications and media.
<http://www.therenegadewriter.com/2015/07/22/want-to-reuse-your-writing-to-get-more-gigs-sorry/>
sorry to repeat, but: BRAND NEW PITCH, Hastily expressed: April 4 is landmine awareness day. Rats, trained to detect TNT by smell, have helped (Mozambique?) become landmine free, and theyâ€™re now heading to Cambodia. Rats are also trained to identify tuberculosis. Dogs detect dangerous mold in the home. Dolphins detect underwater mines. Iâ€™ll share with readers (3-4-5) surprising ways that trained animals are using their acute senses to help humanity. Target market: Yes magazine, Discover, others?
Sheri, make sure that PR director knows you need to talk to volunteers not just her
<http://www.therenegadewriter.com/2015/07/22/want-to-reuse-your-writing-to-get-more-gigs-sorry/>
Yes, Barb
Linda are you saying it's okay to call in-flight magazines to ask for an editor's contact information if we can't find it online?
<http://www.makealivingwriting.com/darnit-story-idea-published/>

Kaitlin Throgmorton Gotcha. I just wouldn't want to get in trouble with the ethics police. :)

Linda Formichelli Casey, yes!

Tana my advisor wrote about that too

Amy Lee Pearsall Where's that Angelina Jolie post?

Sheri Rose Okay. Thanks.

Linda Formichelli Kaitlin, yes! You can reuse ideas and spin off new ideas, but you can't steal your own WRITING.

Casey great - thank you!

Kaitlin Throgmorton That makes perfect sense.

Linda Formichelli Sue-Ann, can you post the link and I'll ding Sarah? Our editors are on twice a week.

Leland Hoover Are science magazines a viable market for freelance queries?

Linda Formichelli Leland, yes!

Tana if you look in Linda's query book, there's a REALLY LONG query, and then one that's less than a page...

Mike*Antares @Annelise - I'd be interested in how rats are a good friend to humans; it's a good counter-intuitive angle

Sue-Ann Long enough to cover the subject...short enough to keep it interesting...like a skirt! old saying...haha

Katy Reiber LOL SueAnn!

Amy Lee Pearsall Nice, Sue-Ann

Cristina Williams good one, Sue-Ann!

Linda Formichelli LOL, Sue-Ann!

Ava Jarvis I saw one in Writer's Market

Charlene Oldham Hmm. Interesting about the differences between the markets.

Dawn Since I'm new to freelance writing, I'm worried that if I send my first query letter to editors that I want to work for and it's no good, they will not want to look at my future ideas. It makes me want to play it safe and pitch to smaller publications for practice as I'm getting started. Is this just being cowardly?

annelise kelly @Mike, thanks, great point!

Carol Tice And trade pubs like LOIs with a few quick ideas in bullets. It varies.

Sue-Ann Mike...did you see the article I added to your idea string?

Kit Cross I have 2 possible markets--both newspapers for my Dark Sky Jasper idea and BOTH in the same city. The idea is current and related to an event coming up. can I pitch both at th same time? October 16-25.....

BarbHicks Oh... is it worth it to try to record a call?

Fredrick Strein Women in Engineering mag requires releases for sources

Ava Jarvis Technology is fallible the more complicated it is. It's hard to go wrong with pen and paper. Take it from someone who owns 6 tablets.

Sue-Ann Kit...pitch away!

Heide Brandes i rarely record, but i have started recording, thanks to helpful voice apps

Duncan Pike You can record people without telling them in Canada, I believe

Mike*Antares Yes, Sue-Ann, thank you :)

Leslie Tribble @Dawn, don't feel you're you're "settling" by writing for a smaller or regional publication. I've been writing for one for a couple of years and have really learned a lot. My editor loves me and even gave me a raise. It does make you a better writer.

Sue-Ann cool:)

Tana @Frederick - I've been wondering that about various sources. In academic sources, you absolutely MUST have releases...

Noelle Salmi what do you use to record? I used to use tapes back in the day and now I use my iphone if I'm with the person live. But I don't know how to record when I'm interviewing over my iphone.

Ava Jarvis And then your idea sells 3 years later ? :)

Linda Formichelli Noelle, I use Call Recorder from Ecomm.com for Skype.

Noelle Salmi OK thanks.

Carol Tice Lisa, I've commented repeatedly on that thread -- what's your question?

Janice Crago @Noelie, I just started using the app Tape-A-Call. So far, so good!
 Noelle Salmi Thanks, Janice.
 Rebekah Olsen I use Tape-A-Call...pretty reliable for me
 Carol Tice Fred if the mag requires releases, then you do it -- but that's pretty rare.
 BarbHicks But what if there's just radio silence?
 Carol Tice I used to get \$750-\$1500 an article for Seattle Magazine, and got to write 3000 word features. It was a great opportunity to write longform. There's more than one reason to choose a market.

Sue-Ann can you do a quick review on the issue of "rights" or ownership after you sell and article?
 I've been reading about it but a quick verbal overview may help.

BarbHicks THat is, what if there's just silence from your target -- it's okay to keep pitching another idea?

Mike*Antares @Carol > woah. noted. picking up SM copies next time I see them ;-)
 Heide Brandes small regional pubs are my bread and butter!
 Katy Reiber If you have radio silence after a pitch, how soon do you pitch that mag again?
 Charlene Oldham Also, the bigger the magazine, the longer the editing process many times.
 LeAnne I would love that blog post!
 Heide Brandes yes, please post that blog!
 Carol Tice But they'll have to be TRULY surprising. ;-)
 BarbHicks And then, in your title, you just say "Jaw-droppingly astounding"
 annelise kelly @Barb: I had a freelance teacher suggest that we choose 12 pubs we want to get into, and pitch each of them 4X year (about every 3 months).... and keep doing unless they tell you to leave them alone!

Sue-Ann Idea: The origin of Original...counterpoint to "there is no such thing as a "New" idea?"
 Cristina Williams Thanks Linda and Janice for the app recommendations - really helpful. And I do take sketchy notes - but good to have this too!

BarbHicks Thanks, annelise.
 Linda Formichelli I found that post...which I posted here last week! :)
<http://www.therenegadewriter.com/2014/06/08/article-idea-meh-to-wow/>

Noelle Salmi ha ha. I was tempted to add "surprising" to a listicle I just wrote for a local parenting magazine, but restrained myself.

Ava Jarvis It's an excellent post! Highly recommend!
 Leslie Tribble @annelise kelly love it!
 Amy Born The best mobile catering concept you've never heard of.
 Mike*Antares Will do, but was definitely looking for your personal examples =D
 Terri I put my revised pitch idea in the forum an hour ago. It's too long to put it here in chat.
 Sue-Ann I know Ava...Linda is a spin idea machine!
 Linda Formichelli Thanks!
 Genesis I live in Guatemala, so no magazines in libraries and it's hard to find them in print. If you do, they're often VERY expensive.

Mike*Antares Oh, that makes me think of a related question: What are some guidelines as to what is a 'recent' topic covered? 3 years? 10? I suppose it depends on the title, but any general guidelines?

Lisa K

Linda Formichelli I spend time at the library now! My library card has access to epic databases. well... not epic.
 Ava Jarvis Genesis, MANY of them are online and also, you can use an app like NextIssue.
 Tana So zinio.com is how I get print magazines digitally. You can get almost everything.
 Cristina Williams haha...sounds like my students: "but I checked wikipedia and Google..."
 Ava Jarvis heh, Tana
 Genesis heee
 Genesis Good thinking, Ava. I know that NextIssue and many others are country specific, too, just like Netflix.

Duncan Pike This is currently on the front page of the Globe and Mail (Canada)
<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/news-video/video-mozambique-is-landmine-free-thanks-to-these-helpful-critters/article26600166/>

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Jeremy Delancy
Kit Cross
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Cristina Williams
Ava Jarvis
Fredrick Strein

But I have my ways, heh. I ask all blog readers to bring me magazines from the US.
I like zinio...and there is another way to view online mags using your library card ... but my local library keeps messing me up...on my 4th library card in 6 months!
Greatm Genesis!
Unless there's a connection to a scientific article, it's not a fit for Discover.
@Clair, thanks!!
100 new posts? Ouch. :(
Please post the "how do you find out about magazines and their readerships" blog...
I fact-check for them, and they only accept sourcing from journal articles or primary academic sources.
Wow! NextIssue is amazing!
@Duncan, thanks!
Clair, good to know!
<http://www.therenegadewriter.com/2010/12/09/7-tips-for-finding-the-best-real-people-sources/>
Linda, you've written on everything!
Thanks, Linda!
there she goes again...Linda idea and people finder too!
I'm getting the sense that if I just read Linda's blog for the next 72 hours straight, I will probably just be an excellent writer right there.
There you go, Barb! :)
Kind of like how Keanu Reeves got to learn Kung Fu.
>> When are query drafts 'due' ? <<
I'm in traffic...waiting for the green! haha
I need a green light on mine so I can do my query letter
thanks!
Me too, Sue-Ann! :)
uh-oh so we need to get greenlighted otherwise no one will work on Mod 1 with us?
Right, I have a green, but I am researching (the no-chores idea), and unsure if I will uncover what I need to make a good article.
this is somewhat unrelated but what do you guys use to keep track of your sources?
hehe...I crazily WANT to work on my letter!
Lol Barb! I think so too! Linda has written on everything imaginable. You just have to read her blog posts to get everything!
@Linda & @Carol--thanks, I'll look more closely into markets. Also, I would spin it as positive-
-"isn't it great how these low-tech solutions which rely on animal talent are helping humanity?"
Doesn't it depend on the magazine, too? Like baby magazines tend to have new parents who then move on, so they could redo topics.
When do you think you will have all the pitch ideas green lighted
Susan, I don't understand...you mean Mod 2? Yuo can't go on to writing the pitch in Mod 2 until you have a salable ideas green-lighted.
SusanL...I hear you...are we just in the dust? lol
Just joined so I don't know if this was answered but it is it possible to change my initial pitch?
Lots of helpful people responede to my Story idea post. Who needs to okay it? One of them is Zachary one of your moderators?
Carol just said Mod 2 is more improtant before you will come back to us who need greens!
When do you think you will have all the pitch ideas green lighted
I sent in my new pitch
and remember to hit "Subscribe" on all topics you post so you'll get a notification when someone's responded.
That's awesome, Saima!
I want a different topic than the one I initially submitted because they want the entire article. I am going to post another one ok?

Cortney Fries I left a few questions in the call forum a little while ago. Would greatly appreciate your help
SAIMA ZAIDI Thanks!
yvie yep i know. i talked to carol about it
Christine I responded to Carol's last response re: my pitch idea yesterday morning. Should I have heard back?
yvie I didn't have time to put it up in the forum this week
Deborah I pitched mine in modeule 1 forum
yvie book is this year
Amy Born Is there an easy way to find your posts in the forum? I have subscribed and watched so I use the link when I get a response, but is there a way to get to it just by going to the forum?
yvie thanks guys
Ava Jarvis Amy - click on your picture, then look for a button that says something like "topics you started"
Ava Jarvis It's midway down the page somewhere on your profile page
Dawn How recent does a study/book need to be in order to use it as a source in an article?
SusanL Hi Carol, I replied to your forum reply. Want to know if I should let go of Pitch #1.
Fredrick Strein yes Women in Engineering want the whole article. I sent it to them yesterday.
Amy Born Cool. Thanks @ava!
Carol Tice <http://freelancewritersden.com>
Carol Tice Is where you can get on the Den waitlist. Which is who I tell when we open.
Fredrick Strein yes
Frank Hyman Might have to write for free or almost free for a local pub to get a clip.
Linda Formichelli Frank, yes! <http://www.therenegadewriter.com/2013/10/15/why-you-should-write-for-free-and-like-it/>
Rebekah Olsen What's the best way to find new or recently released studies for news hooks?
BarbHicks I'm still waiting on sources to get back to me for that first greenlit idea (no-chores), and I can't go forward on the query without finding out if they can tell me anything useful. I don't want to just mark time for too long, but I don't want to waste the editor/teacher's time by sending out new ideas for them to critique (I have one more out there that's been revised but not commented on.)
Cortney Fries My questions on forum: is it ok to use the same source in different articles?
LeAnne I'd like to know how to find studies, too...
Genesis Rebekah, I just googled "Study shows, topic idea, 2015" and got TONS of ideas.
Frank Hyman That first clip, even for free, is like getting an endorsement from an editor (who does get paid!) :-)
Mike*Antares >> When are query drafts 'due' ? <<
Jeremy Delancy I know Carol Tice had said in another seminar how to send LinkedIn Mail without paying for a subscription, can you go over it again?
Rebekah Olsen ooooo...thanks, Genesis!
Sheri Rose Are we to continue pitching ideas after the green light approval or continue working on the approved pitch, and after the query letter is written, then pitch new ideas?
Lisa K I think I'm just waiting on a response on a question i left on my pitch.
Genesis No problem, Rebekah!
Deborah can you answer questions regarding our first pitches?
Cristina Williams cool, Genesis! gonna do that now..
Ava Jarvis Genesis, awesome!
Jessica H @jeremy LinkedIn sometimes offers free trials for a month for their premium service; you just need to remember to cancel within 30 days!
Sheri Rose LeAnne: I used Google. Then I emailed some of the sources if I couldn't find exactly what I was looking for.
Deborah I posted to the module 1 pitch forum. It has all the information. Can you bring that up or do I need to type it all in here
BarbHicks Or PETA'S?
BarbHicks OR the humane society's?
annelise kelly Thanks for the market tips!

Carol Tice Any of us can OK a pitch.
 BarbHicks Oh... THAT's very nice. LinkedIn for Journalists!
 Cindy Ritter Yes, kind of a counter-intuitive idea about the rats/landmine idea ... why we should appreciate rats. Who knew?
 Linda Formichelli <https://www.linkedin.com/grp/home?gid=3753151>
 Ava Jarvis they are picky, I couldn't get into journalists for linkedin
 Sheri Rose Okay. Thanks.
 Jeremy Delancy Thank you. It is what I was looking for.
 Mike*Antares @Linda - 404 ,Page Not Found
 Linda Formichelli I dunno, I'm on there right now! Google it again?
 Terri I put my revised pitch in the forum thread for today's call...but you stopped before mine. Shall I start a new thread in Module 1?
 Cortney Fries Are new establishments enough of a news hook for a travel article in a bigger publication, like Midwest Living? I found several new breweries and wineries in southwest Michigan, all along the same highway. Is the fact that they are new and notable enough? I'm not sure saying they are off the highway properly gets across how scenic they are. Should I lump breweries and wineries together or separate?
 Linda Formichelli Terri, let me look...
 Mike*Antares www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=3753151
 Terri It's number 18 and you stopped at 17
 Sheri Rose Would it be tacky to take my husband with me to tour the Adullam House? I also plan to have a list of questions. Good or not?
 Christy Bagasao Some mags seem to have sister magazines. For example, Parents and American Baby seem to share a website. If an article runs in one but not the other, is it still marketable?
 Terri Maybe cuz i entered it after the call started
 Terri in chat?
 Terri Title: Delight at the Museum "A roundup of current Washington DC museum exhibits even the most jaded tourist will enjoy" Publications: Where DC (print pub.), Baltimore Magazine, Southwest: The Magazine, American Airlines, Sky Magazine (Delta), Hemispheres (United), American Way (US Air)
 Ava Jarvis I totally recommend listening to the bonus podcast in Module 1 "How to Make Your Query Irresistable to Editors"
 Linda Formichelli I found it, Terri!
 Terri Why now "two or more of the exhibits will be time-sensitive; 1) National Building Museum "12 dollhouses on tour from London's Victoria & Albert Museum of Childhood (running May 2016 to Jan. 2017) " note: this exhibit is not just for children 2) Newseum has an interactive newsroom where kids can role play being a television reporter; for everyone, create your own newspaper front page by curating from a selection of articles (permanent features)
 Ava Jarvis I took 6 pages of notes from that podcast alone
 Carol Tice Nice Ava!
 Sheri Rose LOL. He really wants to go, but I'd rather do it without him. But he is interested in learning more about the center.
 Cortney Fries Do you see my question on the forum about "married booty calls?"
 Renee Banzhaf When contacting sources for the first time, would you say to call them if you have a number or would email be considered more appropriate
 Leslie Tribble Just posted my idea in the Mod 1 idea forum.
 SAIMA ZAIDI Me too Ava! I love taking notes so that it's all sorted in my head
 Jeremy Delancy Note: the LinkedIn link posted by Formicelli is showing a 404 error. Try the one posted by Mike Antares
 Renee Banzhaf Thanks =) Yes I thought if you get them on the phone they can't brush you off as easily as ignoring an email.
 Mike*Antares lots of coffee
 Carol Tice Or they can be offended and annoyed that you're interrupting them.
 Sue-Ann Miklopedia!

Mike*Antares LOTS

BarbHicks I don't mean to be irritating, but I had a question about the greenlight I got for my idea, and my unsure-ness about whether I can pull it off once I start researching.

Kaitlin Throgmorton I just googled LinkedIn for Journalists, it popped right up.

Dawn I have access to Lesson 2 of J-School - Newsgathering. Is this the best place to learn how to do our research?

Renee Banzhaf ah good point also

Christine I last responded over 24 hours ago. Sarah and Carol were the two looking at my pitch....Expand Customer Base with Vegan Option

Debra Vallis The only feedback for my last idea is from a fellow student (very cool student, too!). My interview expert is leaving town Thursday. Should I go ahead and interview, or wait for green light/red or yellow light, or do the interview as if going ahead? It's only a couple of days waiting for feedback

LeAnne where is the forum y'all are referring to...

Debra Vallis Oops, just got it Carol, thanks!

Carol Tice LeAnne -- it's the Pitch Clinic forums on usefulwritingcourses.com

Mike*Antares That sounds like a reported essay to me, Linda

Sue-Ann lucky dog...have fun, fun, fun!

BarbHicks Am I coming through?

Mike*Antares Meaning your first-ever vacation

Linda Formichelli What sounds like a reported essay?

LeAnne no no no

Linda Formichelli LOL!

Carol Tice help@usefulwritingcourses.com

LeAnne Don't be worried.

LeAnne Miscommunication

Kit Cross Am I waiting for Zachary to get back to my recent changes then?

Cortney Fries I have an idea on "Why Married Couples Should Make Booty Calls," which I'd like to pitch to national women's publications. I think this is a new idea so I can't find experts to specifically speak about this topic. Is a reported essay good if I can get relationship experts, psychologists or real couples to comment on it?

Debra Vallis Linda, remember on your working vacation that vacation is operative, too!

Carol Tice Cortney...let's take that to the forum

Jeremy Delancy My ideas is "Beautiful At Any Distance" I'd love my fellow students to take a look at it. I put it in yesterday in module !

Linda Formichelli This is NOT a wroking vacation, for once! Europe here we come!

Ava Jarvis Yay Linda!

Carol Tice Yeah -- don't freak out and start all over. ;-)

Theona Hey, how about my story idea?

Christy Bagasao Mike, could you repost that link, please.

Carol Tice Except we love you more than any editor. ;-)

Carol Tice Theona, PM me if it's been 24 hours with no feedback.

Rebekah Olsen thanks!

Duncan Pike thanks!

Mike*Antares Ciao

SusanL thanks!

Christy Bagasao Thank you!

Renee Banzhaf Thank you!

Heide Brandes bye

Linda Formichelli Thanks, all!