



SHARING YOUR WORK:

Read the following article:

- [“5 Tips for Sharing Your Writing for the First Time”](#) by Stacia M. Fleegal
- [“Thoughts on Finding Writing Friends and Sharing Our Work”](#) by Stephanie Morrill

After reading it, reflect on these questions yourself, or discuss them with someone who might be interested in listening to your thoughts / reading the article with you!

1. Have you ever considered sharing your writing with others? What compelled – or stopped – you from doing so? (If you did share your work, how did you feel after?)
2. Which tip from the Fleegal’s article did you find the most useful, and why? Try to identify if the tip particularly resonates with your story or your identity as a writer.
3. Envision being able to chat with and improve alongside fellow budding writers. What would you want to ask / share with them, given your shared love for writing? Now, check out Morrill’s list of suggestions for finding people, and see if any of them seem to be applicable to your situation!

To summarize:

Sharing one’s work is difficult to do, since writers ‘let go’ of stories they hold dear to them and entrust them into the care – and criticism – of others. However, it’s also very rewarding, since readers can provide a multitude of perspectives the writer previously hadn’t considered. Ultimately, the choice to share work, at whatever stage of the writing process, is up to the writer alone!