

Advice on Writing Papers

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1. A paper should not start with potatoes if it is going to end with Gandhi.
2. If your girlfriend/boyfriend can be confused by what you are saying, how can you be sure that the language that you are using exactly tells what you want to say?
3. A paper without a title is just like a baby without a name.
4. Your first paragraph is like your first date: **do not ruin it.**
5. A paper without a central thesis to tie it together is like someone's life without any ambition, any aspiration, any duty, any devotion, and any love.
6. You are like the director/performer who makes others dance. Make 'others' play for you. To bring yourself into the screen is 'making yourself a monkey'.
7. A good mathematician does not lack a sense of humor.
8. A person who does not care for his writing should not think of parenting a child.
9. Soliloquy is wonderful as long as others don't hear it by accident.
10. You have to work twice as much to impress the reader and make him read your second writing (if a reader is willing to read what you write again, he is on his way to be your devotee).
11. Even a dead log flows along the current.
12. If you do not feel that you learnt twice as much on the topic when you finished your essay, then there is something seriously wrong.
13. Your writing is not your baby; it is not your creation; it is yourself: do not underestimate it.
14. You are the architect of the monument of your words. Once they are out in the world, your words carve and paint and define who you are.
15. If you have any confusion concerning the power of words, go and tell your girlfriend, 'I hate you'.
16. Both of us, God and myself, have something in common: the words. The only difference is, He knows how to use them.