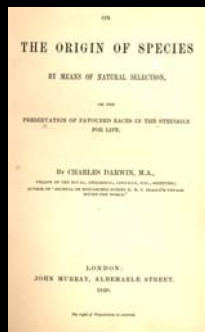
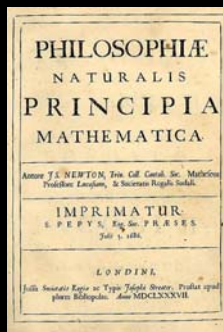


Why do we write?



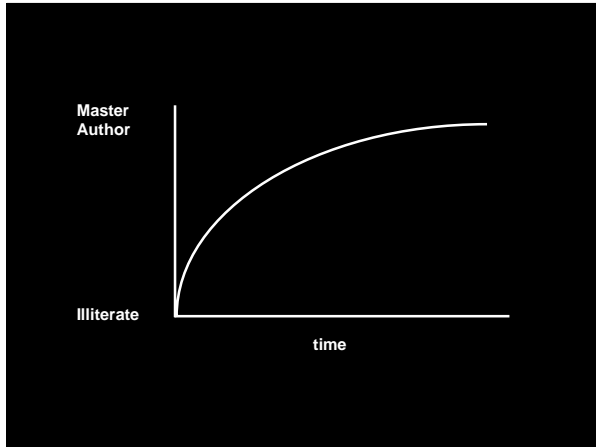
How is our writing?

“I do not have enough papers!”
“There are way too many papers!”
Most scientific writing is rather bad...

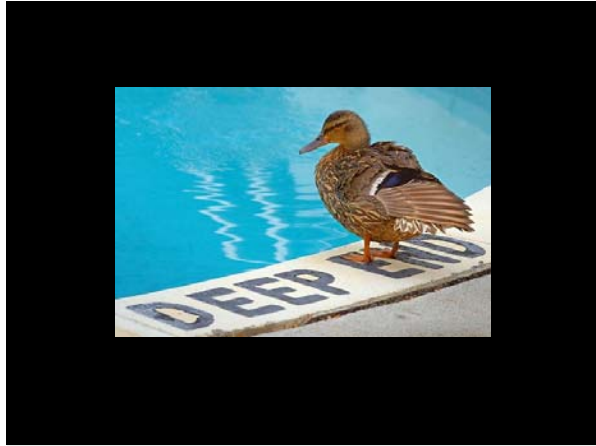
What is wrong?



Can writing improve?



How do we teach?



What might students want?

10 g tryptone
5 g yeast extract
5 g NaCl
1 L water
autoclave 20'

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4 figures + 8 paragraphs + submit



Writing as Evolution

Roberto's Tidbits

Habits for Practice:

Writing is a pain - Agraphia
Dedicate time to write
Actually write
NO email, NO internet, NO phone
Self-imposed deadline or otherwise
Reward yourself

Roberto's Rules

How to write:

FINAL FIGURES FIRST
Outline
Writer's block
Stream of consciousness

What to write?

Meaning and Structure

Letters
Words
Sentences
PARAGRAPHS!!!!
Text MUST match figures!!!
KEEP IT SIMPLE!!!

Who will read you?

Your audience:

Not you

They cannot get inside your head

Guide your reader by the hand

No telegraphic paragraphs

Give the reader candy not a sleeping pill!

Making Figures



**Golden Rule:
Look at your figures!**