

# Primary Sources

## **Blogs, Tweets, E-books, Teleclasses, and Other Manifestations of Modern Communication Kim Pearson's Primary Sources Update Spring 2009**

Hi All,

In the past you may have subscribed to my newsletter (now replaced by my blog), shown interest in my work, or asked me to keep you in the loop on upcoming classes and interesting stuff in my ghostly writing world. Well, I've got interesting stuff today (including some of my own original haiku!), so here I am.

*cobs are ghost spiders  
you never see them working  
yet cobwebs appear*

### **Win Stuff on My BLOG, [From the Compost](#)**

I am a dedicated blogger, blogging three times a week, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Sometimes I have some wise stuff to say, and sometimes I am quite funny, even if I do say so myself. Monday is Compost Day, when I share my thoughts about the writing life; about ghostwriting challenges; stories about my strange elusive Muse, Laura; or just whatever pops into in my head. On alternate Wednesdays I blog about history - yours and mine and ours - and if you contribute a memory from your own history as a comment, you just might win an e-book as a prize. On the other alternate Wednesday I share writing tips that have worked for me or for my students, and that may help you jumpstart or enhance your own writing. And if you share a writing tip of your own in the comments, again you just might win an e-book as a prize. Finally, on Haiku Fridays I share a haiku of my own and invite you to share yours too - and yep, you just might win an e-book as a prize. It's easy to subscribe to my blog, via [RSS feed](#) or thru [Feedburner](#).

*words may be useless  
sometimes words are all we have  
we'd better use them*

### **Smell Them TWEETS**

Goody Beagle (of Dog Park Diary fame -- [www.dogparkdiary.net](http://www.dogparkdiary.net)) is now tweeting her continuing adventures in beagledom. If you're a twitterer, please become one of Goody's tweeple and follow her @dogparkdiary

([www.twitter.com/dogparkdiary](http://www.twitter.com/dogparkdiary)). Tweet at her and she will probably tweet back. Much to my amazement, Goody has become quite popular in the Twitterverse. Probably because of her acerbic sense of humor - she's particularly sarcastic about cats - or maybe it's her devotion to smells.

In fact, Goody is more popular than me! She has more followers, more retweets, more messages, than my other Twitter account, [www.twitter.com/storykim](http://www.twitter.com/storykim). This is where I tweet as me, not as my dog. I tweet about writing and other various musings. I'm just as interesting as Goody, really! Although I must admit I hardly ever tweet about dog cookies or sniffing butt. The writer "me" is also available on Facebook - <http://profile.to/kimpearson> - friend me and I'll friend you back.

*popularity  
means little to a beagle  
but humans like it*

### **Get Smart, Read my E-BOOKS**

There are twelve [e-books now available on my website!](#) These are the same e-books I'm giving away to a few lucky commenters on my blog. (Or of course you can buy them - they're a good deal at only \$10 or \$7.50 each.) The e-books are :

- *How To WOW Your Readers.* Make sure your readers "get" you and your ideas.
- *You Can Be an Author, Even If You're Not a Writer.* How to work with a ghost or an editor and become an author, without writing one word.
- *Making History Workbook: Economics & Politics* - each Making History Workbook contains extensive historical timelines from 1930 to 1989, plus suggested questions to help you examine your role in the events in each category.
- *Making History Workbook: The Social Fabric*
- *Making History Workbook: Wars & the International Scene*
- *Making History Workbook: Technology & Science*
- *Making History Workbook: Crime & Disaster*
- *Making History Workbook: Arts & Entertainment*
- *Making History Workbook: Lifestyle Activities*
- *Making History Workbook: The Weird & Trivial*
- *Wheel of the Year Haiku I:* 365 original haiku celebrating the seasons of the year, plus essays with ideas on how to celebrate these seasons
- *Wheel of the Year Haiku II*

*learning is good, but  
before you swallow a truth  
remember to chew*

**Get Even Smarter, attend my TELECLASSES (Maybe YOU can be a GHOST)**

I'll again teach my popular one-hour teleclass *How to WOW Your Readers - it's not about you*. Wednesday, August 19, 2009. 7 to 8 pm Eastern (4 to 5 pm Pacific), through Write Well University - [http://writewelluniversity.com/authorsmart/how\\_to\\_wow\\_readers.html](http://writewelluniversity.com/authorsmart/how_to_wow_readers.html)

And in October, I'm excited to announce my new Teleclass Series class, *Living as a Ghost*, the inaugural class offered through Write Well University. This three-session teleclass is designed for writers who are interested in writing for others, AS others. Ghostwriting is a unique kind of writing. Besides being able to write well, you must be able to ask penetrating questions, empathize with and truly listen to the answers, and share the passion of your clients. You must be able to climb inside someone else's head, and leave your ego outside.

The course discusses not only these writing challenges inherent in ghostwriting, but other issues such as: Since a ghost is supposed to be invisible, how do people know you're here? How do you market yourself? How do you handle confidentiality? How do you get started? Should you limit yourself to a particular niche? How much should you charge? How long should writing a book take? And much more.

**Dates for the 3 sessions** (all sessions are on Wednesdays at 7 to 8 pm Eastern/4 to 5 pm Pacific):

**Session 1:** Doing the Work: October 7, 2009

**Session 2:** Managing the Work: October 14, 2009

**Session 3:** Getting the Work: October 21, 2009

This is the inaugural class, and still in beta mode, so if you have specific questions on ghostwriting you'd like to see addressed, please email me. AND ... this beta teleclass will be offered at a special discount price of \$179.00. (Regular price: \$249.00) Registration begins in July at [www.writewelluniversity.com](http://www.writewelluniversity.com).

*listen to Glinda  
ruby slippers aren't magic  
they are just red shoes*

### **Tell Your Stories with STORY CIRCLE NETWORK**

If you've never heard of this tremendous organization, check it out at [www.storycircle.org](http://www.storycircle.org). They are dedicated to helping women share the stories of their lives, and raising public awareness of the importance of women's personal histories. They have just announced their new Editorial Service, [www.storycircleeditorialservice.org](http://www.storycircleeditorialservice.org), open to all women with words in need of a tune-up, an overhaul, a polish or even just "one more set of eyes." The SCN Editors can help ensure a writer's thoughts convey the power, emotion and meaning she intends. I am proud and happy to say that I was selected as one of the SCN Editors, along with 15 other exceptional women writers and editors. So cool! So if you're a woman writer, check us out.

*work with your own ghost  
when you're dead she'll still be here  
singing your praises*

## **Critics Can Be Good Guys - be a BOOK REVIEWER**

If you have read my books [Making History](#) or [Dog Park Diary](#), I'd love to hear what you think. It's easy to share your opinion in a Customer Review on Amazon. Here are the Amazon pages: [Making History](#) and [Dog Park Diary](#). (And if you haven't read my books, you can buy them here too.)

*there are no endings  
today is just a preview  
of the main feature*

Thank you all for your support. Please keep in touch!

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