


Who I am as a reader and writer is unique. Its different from everyone else. I've compared my personal reading and writing skills, to fishing. I've gone fishing many times with my dad and brother, and some of the same skills are used.

First, one of the first things I do when I go fishing is find a good spot to fish from. There is many places to chose from such as, a beach, a dock, a pier, or even just at the side of the water itself. You have to make that decision. It's sort of the same with reading. I try to explore the different "fishing spots" and find the right one for me. Experiment with different books, and find the ones I enjoy the most. The books I can really get into, and want to read. Whether its Nonfiction, Horror, Mystery, Romance, whatever it is. For example, when I was little I enjoyed reading the Magic Tree House chapter books. However, I also read Curious George, and I found out I really enjoyed mystery books over Fiction, and even today I love mystery books.

The second step I take, when I go fishing, is bait my hook. However, not everyone uses the same bait. Some people use worms, but different types of worms like earthworms, or wax worms. Some people use live bait, as in, other smaller fish, or packaged fish. Or some people use plastic, fake fish at the end of their hooks. Everyone uses what works best for them and what they are most comfortable using. It's the same concept with writing. Like for me, I feel it is easiest to write about personal stuff such as family things, or my friends, or my personal feelings or emotions. Like a few weeks ago, for Mrs. Mast class, I had to write an open ended writing assignment, so I wrote about my friends because I felt it was easier, and more fun to write about. However, it may not be the same for everyone else. So it just depends on your own personal experiences as to what "bait" you could use when writing.

After that you cast out your line. When I cast out my line I send it way out. I have no idea what is out there, between me and the end of my line, but I hope or have an idea that I'll catch a big one. It's the same with reading. You start off reading a book or short story and as you read you have hopes for what will happen with the characters in it, but you have no idea all that will take place between when you start your book or short story, and when you end it, but you have ideas. For example, last year I read the Hunger Games series. I new how the first book ended because my friends had told me after they had read it, but I



had no idea all that took place through the rest of the series.

Next, be patient. When I go fishing I use patients. You can't expect to catch anything when you only sitting there ten minutes. It's the same when you read or write. I try to take my time, and try to understand everything that is being said, and understand everything there is to be understood. For example, when I was in sixth grade I read the Twilight series. Instead of reading all of the first book I just skimmed it because I thought since I had seen the first movie I new everything that happened. Well as I started reading the second book I noticed I didn't understand a lot of things, because I missed them in the first book. So I reread the first book and then moved on to the rest. So now I always take my time when I read or write.

Next, Real in your fish. When I real in a fish I get excited. Which is how I feel when I read something really good, or write about something I feel strongly about. I enjoy reading books that I can really relate to. Where I can put myself in the characters shoes, and get excited to just take time to sit down and read, that amazing book or short story. Once, in third grade, I had to write a paragraph about who my hero was. I remember getting so excited to come home and write it because my big sister was my hero and I wanted to be just like her, and I couldn't wait to write about it.

Finally, throw the fish back. Once I catch my fish I am happy to throw it back, because catching a fish is fun, but throwing it back and starting the challenge to catch an even bigger one next, is great. So when I read and write if I don't like the book I am reading. Or I am not happy with the paper I am writing. I throw it back, and try for a different one. One I hope I will enjoy more.

So for me the way I read and write, and fish aren't so different.