On Encourage a Young Writer Day, we recognize the power of young people’s imaginations to change the world.

What is one piece of advice you’d like to give young writers?

Young writers, learn from our past as you build the future. Your colorful minds are very needed in this world. You are the creator of tomorrow.

Writing should be fun, so be sure you write the way that makes you comfortable. Don’t worry about what anyone else is doing. If you enjoy working on your phone or tablet more than on your laptop, use those! If you prefer only to write 10 minutes each day, or just on the weekends, that is fine. All that matters is that you write, and you enjoy it!

Quit dreaming and start doing. Remember there is no special recipe in writing. You need to quit ‘I want to’ and turn your dreams into reality. It always seems hard until it’s done. Don’t plan the ending when you start writing, just live in the moment and let everything flow naturally.

I would encourage anyone who wants to be a writer to treat writing like a practice - the more you stretch and use your writing ‘muscles’, the stronger they grow. Take every opportunity to write and to share your words with an audience, whether it’s your friends, family, or an online community. There’s really nothing better than knowing your words have impacted someone positively.

There is no one good way to write, or one best way to find readers. There is no one form of writing that is superior to any other: it’s all a question of finding your own voice, and your own path, and not getting thrown off it by either external success or failure. Write what you enjoy, what you care about, what you believe in, what is true for you.