

# Artist Declaration Worksheet

“I carry this fire and I carry it well and you  
will feel this heat”

*Make Me Human or Give Me Death* by May Yang

To help you kickstart this next chapter of your writing journey, there are some important things you need to think about. If you're here, you carry a fire for writing. You love words, storytelling the creative process. What are you going to do with this fire? Just like when building a story, it helps to know where the characters are headed. What are *you* headed?

Clarity is key when designing your writing relationship. The answers you provide here will help you to cast your vision for a fulfilling writing life. Making these key decisions up front will allow you to more confidently says YES to all the things that “fit” your Artist's Declaration and NO to the things that don't.

**I am a writer because:** What sparked your writing fire? What moment did you know you were/would be a writer?

**The reason underneath the reason I write is because:** What is the thing you value most about writing and what it brings your life?

**One of my writing strengths is:** What are you proud of in your writing?

**Another writing strength is:** What positive things do others say about your writing?

**My biggest writing challenge is:** What is something you're working to improve in your writing life?

**My current writing dream is:** What is your ultimate purpose as a writer? What do you hope to achieve? How can you impact your life and the lives of others?

**My Artist's Declaration:**

**I am a writer because...**

**The reason underneath the reason is...**

**My writing strengths include...**

**I am working to improve...**

**My ultimate purpose as a writer RIGHT NOW is to...**