

Writer's Block

It strikes furiously and without provocation. It prefers ~~no~~ no particular time of day or year ^{to pose its greatest} threat. ~~Any~~ Any man, woman, or child can become its victim and, too often, its slave; many, in fact, are rendered helpless by a creative paralysis which does not subside merely by ~~letting~~ ^{time} letting ~~the~~ pass. Sometimes referred to by its Latin name ~~causa~~ ^{productum} ~~causa~~ ^{mortalis}, it is known more commonly as "writer's block," a malady which infects virtually all writers from time to time.

Although ^{victims} ~~writers~~ of "writer's block" suffer the same abrupt stoppage of creativity, many exhibit a wide variety of symptoms. In some, the kidneys suddenly become weak, ~~and~~ ^{thus} prompting the ~~writers~~ ^{individuals} to ~~make~~ ^{make} frequent visits to the bathroom even though none, except for the first, ever produces results. ~~Responding~~ ^{one graduate} student sheepishly confessed that, ~~in trying~~ ^{in trying} to write a ten page term paper, he made 112 trips to the ~~restroom~~ ^{urinal}. He calculated that if he could actually hold all the liquid his lavatorial forays indicated, his bladder would have to be ~~as large~~ ^{as large} as a medium-sized watermelon.