

How To Steal Like An Artist

- 3 examples where you have already followed any of the precepts

4) Use your hands

I love to start my brainstorming by physical taking the pencil in hand. I like the way Kleon described feeling the ink on the paper and spreading out. I too strewn my papers out across the room and find it very difficult to do the same in a word document. Kleon stated his writing is a physical process. I need all five of my senses to release my creativity. Even the act of writing leaves a piece of our personality on the page in the form of our handwriting.

8) Be Nice

This is a creed I try to live by: The golden rule. There is no reason to be deliberately ugly to anyone. It only makes you look and feel ugly. I know I am not perfect and I try to keep in mind that other people aren't either. Most times when people give their opinion on a subject it's just that, an opinion. It is not personal. Their words may hurt. It is up to you to sift through them and take out anything constructive to improve your work. In turn, when giving opinion it is important to be diplomatic. If it is negative, consider sharing it in private or keeping it to yourself. Just because we can say anything and put it out there for the world to see doesn't mean we should.

9) Be Boring

This describes me Slow and steady win the race. My parents and grandparents taught me to work hard and fulfill my obligations. That didn't mean I shouldn't have fun. I was to find the fun in the work. They also taught me to choose my friends well. I was to surround myself with diverse people who have moral fiber who build relationships not sabotage them. Some of the best decisions I have made have been the ones that severed ties with toxic people.

- 3 ideas or behaviors you would consider as a result of the blog entry

2) Don't wait until you know who you are to get started

I don't like being the person who is afraid to try or is worried someone might see me fail. I like to get it right. I don't have to get it right the first time but I want to get it right. Sometime this becomes an obstacle. I need to move beyond the fear and enjoy the process. The outcome will follow. I will learn more from the process than from the success or the failure. The beginning of a journey is a single step. I need to take that step. This class is a good choice. I am definitely out of my comfort zone and I feel like I am playing catch up at every moment. But I am learning so much and feel accomplishment with each little step.

3) Write the book you want to read

I like this idea and I don't practice it enough. I don't have to be an expert to give it a try. I have all sorts of ideas and thoughts I do not share. They are good and I should do something with them. It is motivating to do and work with what you love.

5) Side projects and hobbies are important

I love teaching it brings me great joy and from that joy creativity. I feel at my best in a classroom. I can open up that creativity to other things as well. I think like many teachers, I get wrapped up in my work and do not set aside enough time to indulge in other things I love. If I did I could be more innovative and creative in my work and fun.