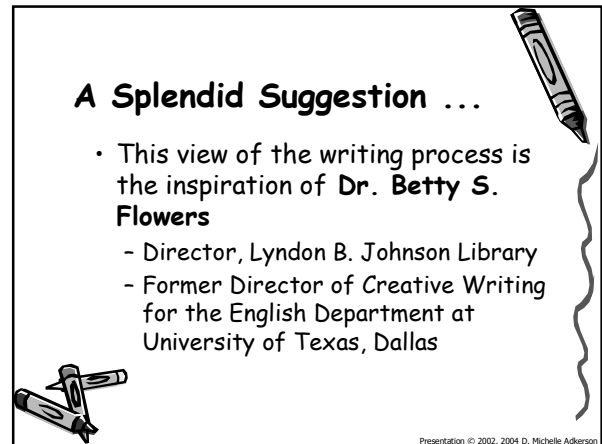


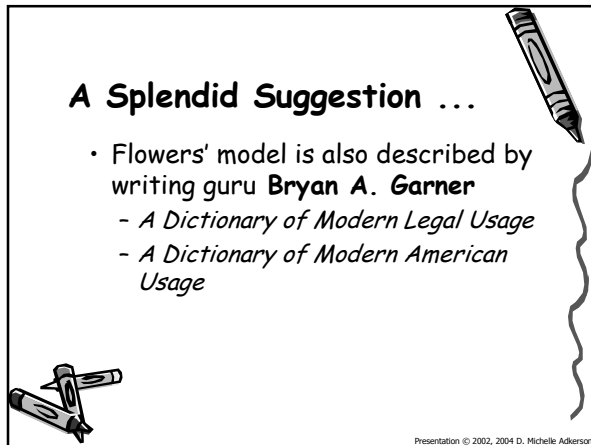
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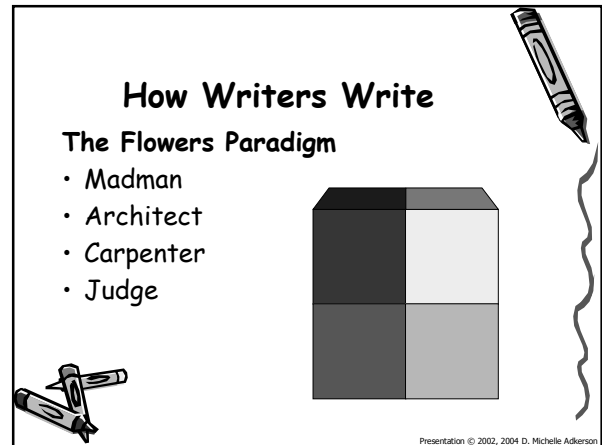
A Splendid Suggestion ...

- This view of the writing process is the inspiration of **Dr. Betty S. Flowers**
 - Director, Lyndon B. Johnson Library
 - Former Director of Creative Writing for the English Department at University of Texas, Dallas



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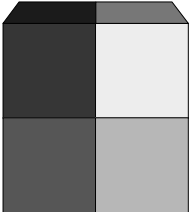
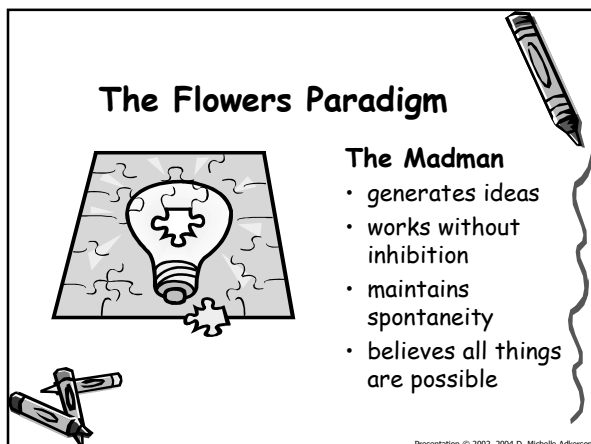
- Flowers' model is also described by writing guru **Bryan A. Garner**
 - A Dictionary of Modern Legal Usage*
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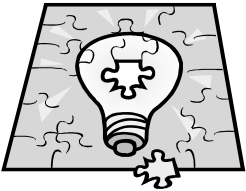
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- Madman
- Architect
- Carpenter
- Judge

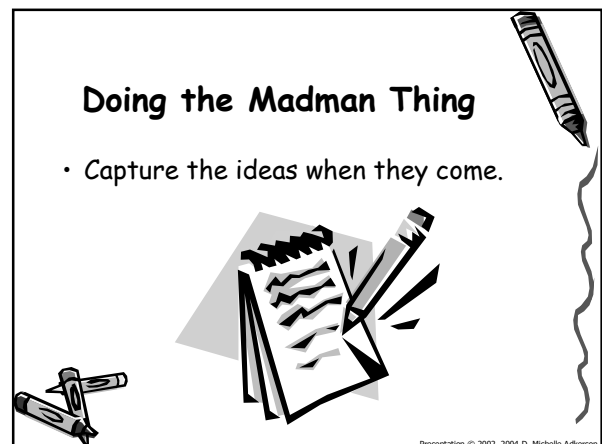



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The Madman

- generates ideas
- works without inhibition
- maintains spontaneity
- believes all things are possible




Doing the Madman Thing

- Capture the ideas when they come.


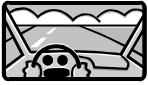


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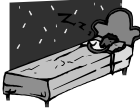
The Madman

- spouts spontaneously - usually when you least expect it



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The Madman


- comes up with a great idea - just as you're drifting to sleep, stepping in the shower, or driving home!


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Truth through freewriting?

"If you write to discover just what the essence of the problem is ...



be willing to discard everything you've written up to the threshold of discovery."
Bryan A. Garner




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The Architect

- creates order from the madman's chaos
- structures the ideas
- envisions the whole



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The Architect



- Your reader should never wonder where you're going - or worse, *make assumptions* about where you're going.
- Your direction must be clear.

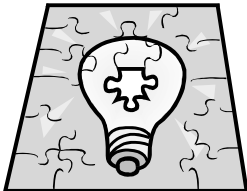

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The Madman

- invariably interrupts

let him run







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The Carpenter

- crafts sentences and paragraphs
- considers tone and audience
- makes the logic explicit

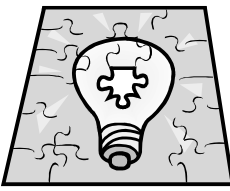


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The Madman

- has one more idea ...

let him run

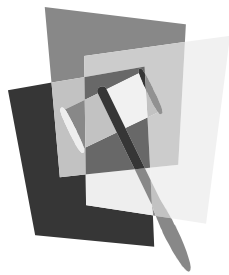






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The Judge

- nitpicks
- considers every detail
- applies rules and signposts
 - grammar
 - punctuation

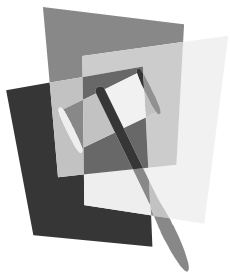






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The Judge

- Do not let the judge interrupt until the end of the process!
- But once he does his thing . . .

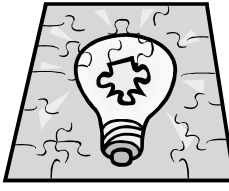


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The Madman

- invariably has just one more thought...

stop him cold

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After all ...

- The end must come.




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