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Interview and Resume Tips for Freelance Writers

Resumes can vary depending on the type of work you do. If you are a freelance writer like me then your resume may differ slightly from a standard resume. Here I will provide some tips on creating a resume if you are a freelance writer or looking to work in the freelance writing business.

1. List all work that is relevant to your career. This means listing all places you have worked for such as **copywriting jobs**, articles in which you received a byline, and any trade publication work. The more experience you have the better off you will be in landing a freelance writing gig.
2. Non freelance work. Non freelance work counts as well on a resume so you will want to include it as well. Every work experience - good or bad counts for something. Do not be afraid to list other types of jobs on your resume.
3. Objective. It's really up to you if you want to list an objective on this type of resume. The receivers know what type of job you are applying for so the traditional objective does not always apply to a freelancers resume. Talent speaks for a lot and you may not even be asked to send a resume. The potential employer may have you just send in a writing sample to show your talents and writing credits.
4. Name Dropping. This is probably the only profession in which you may want to drop a name here or there on your resume or cover letter. Names and reputations count for a lot in this business and it does not hurt to mention a name if you want to, but if you do mention their name ask if it's ok to use them as a reference or in any other capacity in a cover letter. Nine times out of ten they will say it is fine to mention them.
5. Writing samples. Many times you will be asked to provide writing samples with your resume and you will want to include at the bottom of your resume 'writing samples and references available upon request.' Good references are important as well as making good contacts in the freelance writing industry.
6. Past work history. I recently needed to list a freelance gig as ending on my resume because the business went out of operation. If you want you can list why you are not writing for the company anymore in your cover letter as long as you were not fired from the job or gig.

The freelance writers resume is one in which you will want to take careful care and consideration in writing. Remember your work is just as good as the next writer. It can be a tough business, but



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your talent will shine if you possess it. Show the best work on your resume and also in the presentation of your clips. To learn more about creating a stellar resume and for the best career advice on the web go to www.hound.com.

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- [How to Talk About Other Interviews in Your Interviews](#)
- [How to Answer the Tell Me About Yourself Interview Question](#)
- [How to Answer the Do You Have Any Questions for Me Interview Question](#)