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Prepare to Add Your Essay

Type your story up in a word processor so you'll be able to copy and paste it into the editing area on the website. Give your essay a "byline" telling readers who you are. It helps to use boldface to set your byline apart from the rest of the text.

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Create a title for your essay.

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Add Your Essay

1. When you are ready to post, click on Add Your Essay
2. Enter the access code – TLTT (you must use capital letters)
3. Enter your content. You must save first and preview once before it goes into the system as a draft. After that, continue to edit, save, and preview as much as needed.
4. Click **Publish Now** when you are ready for your work to be published. If you include your email address, you will be sent a link that will allow you to make changes later. Otherwise, you should finish your writing and publish it immediately.

About the 400 Words Website

400 Words was created with SPLOT Writer, an experiment to offer a light weight publishing platform using the TRU Writer theme created by @cogdog. Here are other examples of sites which use TruWriter including this website created by LCC faculty, COVID19 and LCC: Our Stories.