

## Writers and Their Real Jobs Part I

Susan Sontag: Lapidary

Shakespeare: King Hamlet's Ghost

Joyce: Blacksmith

Lovecraft: Conductor

Hemingway: Carver of Duck Decoys

Homer: Explorer

Milton: Pamphleteer

Eggers: Illustrator of Children's Books

Nabokov: Illusionist

Marlowe: Conjuror

Mark Twain: Salesman

C. Wright Mills: Tobacconist

Foucault: Gorgeous Serial Killer

Edgar A. Poe: Professional Hippie

Baldwin: Renowned Hairdresser

Virginia Woolf: Conductor

David F. Wallace: Telemarketer

Melville: Reverend

DeLillo: Head Chef

William Gaddis: Homerun Hitter (OBP of .15)

Pynchon: Shy Guy

Fitzgerald: Politician

W.H. Auden: High School English Teacher

Hunter S.T.: Fighter Pilot

Dickens: Landscape Painter

Firestone: Mycologist

Barth: Glass-blower

Walker: Actress

T.S. Eliot: Computer-hacker

Djuna Barnes: Painter

Z.N. Hurston: Ice Trucker

WEB DuBois: Doctor

Dostoevsky: Shadow Puppeteer

Gogol: Ringmaster

Lu Xun: Firefigther

Tolkien: Santa

Mary Shelley: Photographer

Marilyn Chin: Glazier

Toni Morrison: Storyteller

Jahwist: Empress

Ginsberg: Mendicant

Dickens: Arbitrator

Wilde: Owner of Massage Parlor

Tolstoy: CEO

Chekhov: Technical Writer

Calvino: Head Animator

Umberto Eco: Semiologist

Kafka: Plumber

Mishima: Kite Fighter

Han Shan: Monk

Updike: Maker of Smoothies

Marilynne Robinson: Knitter

Maggie Nelson: Master Baker

Steinbeck: Gambler

Barthelme: Chess-boxer