



# ILLUMINATIONS

## Great Writers on Writing

# walt whitman

“ In America an immense number of new words are needed, to embody the new political facts, the compact of the Declaration of Independence, and of the Constitution—the union of the States—the new States—the Congress—the modes of election—the stump speech—the ways of electioneering—addressing the people—stating all that is to be said in modes that fit the life and experience of the Indianian, the Michigianian, the Vermonter, the men of Maine—also words to answer the modern, rapidly spreading faith, of the vital equality of women with men, and that they are to be placed on an exact plane, politically, socially, and in business, with men. Words are wanted....

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