

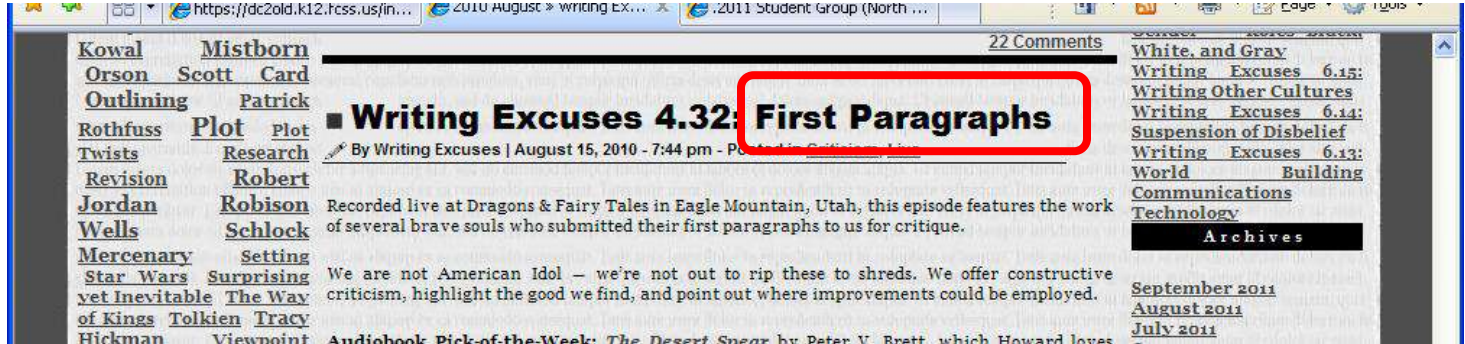
## Accessing the Writing Excuses Podcast

[www.writingexcuses.com](http://www.writingexcuses.com) is a free 15 minute podcast covering various topics to improve your writing.

Suspension of Disbelief, Making Descriptions Do More Than One Thing, Writing Romance, Line Editing Dialogue are discussed along with more practical subjects such as selling your work and using an agent. There are around 200 podcasts available. Most are on a specific topic, but some take questions from the blog and address multiple topics in a single podcast. Each podcast includes a writing prompt and sometimes exercises, “writing push-ups”, to strengthen a given area.

Topic indexes and transcripts have been compiled by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party and are available at <http://www.aist-nara.ac.jp/~mbarker/writingexcuses/index.html>.

From the main website, scroll down the page and see if any of the topics appeal to you. Each one has a very brief synopsis.



Scroll to the bottom of that topic and find the play/download link.

You can play from the web page via the triangle or right-click on the “Audio MP 3” and “Save Target As” to download the file for mobile device or later listening.



Use the Archives links to view previous months or visit <http://www.aist-nara.ac.jp/~mbarker/writingexcuses/index.html> for seasonal index and pick a topic directly.

