**Working in Bed**

**The noted authors who often worked in bed include Cicero, Horace, Milton, Voltaire, Jonathan Swift, Alexander Pope, Mark Twain, and Marcel Proust. (James Meyers, in Mammoth Book of Trivia , p. 128)**

**Winston Churchill loved to lie abed in comfort while dictating letters and going through the boxes of official state papers for several hours each morning. Although he much preferred to write his books while standing up, declining health in his later years forced him to write and correct most of The Second World War and A History of the English-Speaking People in bed. (Wallace/Wallechinsky, in The Book of Lists, #2)**

**Leonardo da Vinci earned a unique fame as an artist and scientist, and according to his Notebooks, he spent some time each night “...in bed in the dark to go over again in the imagination the main outlines of the forms previously studied. It is useful in fixing things in the memory.” *(The Book of Lists, #2)***

**While in the White House, First Lady Mamie Eisenhower did away with an office but not with the office routine. She held bedside conferences, dictated to her secretary, paid the bills, and signed letters while ensconced in her pink-ruffled bed. *(Wallace/Wallechinsky, in The Book of Lists, #2)***

**During the last two years of his life while writing The Last Tycoon, F. Scott Fitzgerald found that he could work longer hours by staying in bed. He'd retire to bed with a dozen Coca-Colas (which had replaced alcohol in his drinking habits), prop himself on pillows, and using a lapboard, he'd work for about five hours a day. (Wallace/Wallechinsky, in The Book of Lists, #2)Mark Twain loved the luxurious comfort of writing in bed and there composed large portions of Huckleberry Finn, The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, and A Connecticut Yankee in  King Arthur’s Court. *(Wallace/Wallechinsky, in The Books of Lists #2)***

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*