Maximizing Your Writing Process

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What words come to mind when you think about your writing process?

Share in the chat!



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Stages of the Writing Process

Pre-writing: research, reading, analysis, outlining, preparing to write



Drafting: fleshing out the content in sentences, paragraphs, sections



Post-writing: revising, getting feedback, copy editing, proofreading



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- What did you learn about your process?
- What's working well for you?
- What's not working? Where are the bottlenecks?



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Which style describes you?

What works and what doesn't with this style?





Maximize Your Process

- Commit to a regular writing schedule, and keep to it
 - Know when you write best and how much time you need
 - Know what environmental conditions you need to be successful rituals matter!
- Write yourself notes when you get stuck, when you stop for next time
- Leapfrog and free-write to get unstuck
- Understand that writing is a process not an event



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