Maximizing Your Writing Process

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

Share in the chat!
Map Your Process

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  • List out each step you take from start to finish.
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
Want more writing support?

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