

End of Year Writing Reset

Set 2027 up as your best writing year yet.

Reflect • Reorganize • Recharge • Routine

These are the reset steps I'm using to set 2027 up as my best writing year yet. I'd recommend handwriting responses in a journal — so much research has shown how powerful writing with paper and pen can be (and personally I love any excuse to use my fountain pens).

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STEP 1

1 Reflect

Before we can start setting our intentions for 2027, we need to look at 2026 and reflect on what went well and what didn't.

LOOK BACK

When I missed a writing session, what were the most common reasons?

What were my biggest distractions during writing sessions?

How do I feel when I write?

What is one thing I wrote this year that I am proud of?

WHAT WORKED, WHAT DIDN'T

What worked	What didn't
Example: a 10-minute morning sprint	*Example: scrolling short-form videos*

MY WHY

Why do I write?

Write it down somewhere prominent, so it helps on the days you don't feel like writing.

STEP 2

2 Reorganize

Focus on simplifying your space & setup so more of your attention can go to the writing itself.

YOUR NOTES

- [ ] Pull my novel notes into one place (from my notes app, notebooks and scraps)

YOUR TOOLS

- [ ] Pick one writing application (Word, Google Docs or Scrivener) and use only that
- [ ] Simplify my desktop: close, delete or hide what I don't use for writing
- [ ] If you have Apple devices, set up a writing mode (a Focus) that limits notifications and allows only your writing apps

YOUR WRITING SPACE

- [ ] Clear the surface
- [ ] Give my current writing notebook a home within sight
- [ ] Add one piece of inspiration (a book, a quote, etc.)



STEP 3

3 Recharge

With the holiday break, take the extra time to absorb inspiration so you can go into 2027 feeling energized!

READ AND TAKE IN

What is one craft book I can read?

What is one book that has been on my list that would inspire me?

SOAK UP LIFE

> *One of the biggest skills in improving your writing comes from observing. The break in your normal routine around the holidays can be a great opportunity to deepen your engagement with the world. Between conversations with friends and family, sensory delights of holiday decorations (lights! treats!), and all the heightened emotions, try to be present and practice skills of observation.*

Things I noticed:



STEP 4

4 Routine

Instead of big annual goals, choose one small writing experiment for January. Try to pick something smaller than what you think you'll be able to do — something that would work on your lowest energy day. I would recommend picking a new journal to keep just as your writing routine journal, where you'll reflect on your habit each day & make adjustments to your experiment.

YOUR JANUARY EXPERIMENT

Fill in the blanks:

For _____ days, I will _____

after _____ at _____

I'll know it's done when _____

Example: For 30 days, I will write for 10 minutes after I start my coffee, at my desk. I'll know it's done when the timer ends.

YOUR HABIT JOURNAL

After each writing session, answer:

1. How did it feel writing today?
2. What is one thing I can do today to make tomorrow's session easier? (Examples: brainstorm a scene, research something.)

YOUR RITUAL

Choose the same actions to repeat every time you sit down, so getting into flow feels more automatic.



Sound
The same playlist



Timer
A physical timer for your sprint



Drink
The same drink

The actions I'll repeat every time I sit down to write:

FEEDBACK

Feedback has been one of the most effective ways I have improved my writing. I'd recommend trying to find both a critique group and at least one beta reader/critique partner.

Who is one person I could send pages to for feedback (critique partner)?

What is one step I could take to finding a writing group? (Look at local meetup boards, library postings, or find people to form a new one.)

My reset on one page

Copy your best answer from each step here so you can keep it where you'll see it.

1 **Reflect**
My why, in one sentence

2 **Reorganize**
One change I'll make to my setup

3 **Recharge**
One book or thing I'll take in

4 **Routine**
My January experiment and ritual

5 **People**
My critique partner and group, and when I'll reach out

My check-in date: _____