Writing Resources #42305
What are some useful writing resources? (include link where appropriate)

Advice (13)

- Clarity
- Go to writing retreats
- How to write a lot
- How to write a scientific paper --
- Http://alistapart.com/article/writing-is-thinking
- Pick your favorite (best) papers and emulate those (can be applied to a specific journal for format suggestions too)
- Regular writing even in short (as little as 15 minutes/day) really does lead to greater productivity.
- Savant academic writing consultants (http://savantacademic.com) -- Alyssa Shiel
- Scriviner, a content generation tool (http://www.literatureandlatte.com/scrivener.php, is great for outlining and organizing
- Start writing before you are ready
- Strategy: just write, even if it's not perfect.
- Write a little every day
- Writing in small blocks

Online resources (12)

- Cutting edge website
- Debi kilb has a nice blog about writing a scientific manuscript: http://quakeinfo.ucsd.edu/~dkilb/guidelines/research_papers/welcome.html
- I would google "writing resources"
- Monday motivator http://www.facultydiversity.org/?page=mondaymotivator
- Need inspiration to get writing? try http://writtenkitten.net/. set a word goal and once you meet it, a kitten appears!
Professors as writers (http://www.amazon.com/professors-writers-self-help-productive-writing/dp/091350713x/ref=sr_1_1?ie=utf8&qid=1403725957&sr=8-1&keywords=professors+as+writers)

Purdue owl: https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/
-- Susanne McDowell

Serc website

Tutorial(s) for "how to write a scientific paper"

When you need a little extra motivation to write: http://writtenkitten.net

Writing a journal article workbook. http://www.amazon.com/writing-journal-article-twelve-weeks/dp/141295701x
-- Nicole LaDue

**Writing tool** (8)

- Academic ladder website
- Ncfdd
  -- Alyssa Shiel
- Ommwriter - creates clean space on your computer for writing
  http://www.ommwriter.com/
- Online google plus community on writers:
  https://plus.google.com/communities/106134988944938026164
- Online timer for pomodoro technique:
  http://e.ggtimer.com/30%20minutes . helps you focus on single task (e.g., writing, reading) for a set amount of time before taking a break.
  -- Jasper
- Pomodoro app
  -- Alyssa Shiel
- Purdue university online writing lab (owl) - i provide this as a resource to students too. https://owl.english.purdue.edu/
- Shared writing tracker with a writing club/ group

**Environment for writing** (7)

- A writing group
- A writing retreat
- Academic ladder writing club
  -- Alyssa Shiel
- Attend or look into setting up a faculty writing retreat. ex. http://www.missouristate.edu/provost/facultywritingretreats/
  -- Gary Michelfelder
- Coffee
  -- Alyssa Shiel
- Write somewhere away from your office
Writing retreat
-- Alyssa Shiel

Habit (6)

Online meditation timer:
http://www.onlinemeditationtimer.com/. I try to meditate for 5-10 mins at the beginning of each day, which research shows reduces stress and helps prevent your head from getting flooded with stray worries that interfere with focus
-- Jasper

Online timer
-- Alyssa Shiel

Pomodoro technique
-- Alyssa Shiel

Pomodoro technique

Write gradually, a little each day

Writing buddy
-- Alyssa Shiel

Book (5)

Books: alley-craft of scientific writing dasilvio?-how to write a lot

How to write a lot : a practical guide

Strunk and white, elements of style

The book by david schultz titled "eloquent science: a practical guide to becoming a better writer, speaker and scientist"

Workbook on writing journal articles.
http://www.amazon.com/writing-journal-article-twelve-weeks/dp/141295701x
-- Nicole LaDue

Preparing (5)

Co-author/peer-review (reasonable and responsible ones)

Concise, not too many details

Goal setting

Tomorrow's professor, a book by richard reis; a little outdated but good!

Write first thing in the morning

Time management (4)

Dedicate time every week that is scheduled
-- Gary Michelfelder

- Scheduled work times where coffee and quiet time for writing are provided at your university
- Time management
- Write regularly (everyday)

**Center** (3)
- National center for faculty development and diversity
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- University writing center

**Campus** (2)
- The library, or other quiet hidden space on campus. hide out and write when you need to avoid distraction.
- Writing center on campus (students)

**Grant advice** (2)
- For writing broader impacts: broader impact wizard to help you develop a broader impact statement that will satisfy nsf criterion ii (http://coseenow.net/wizard/)
- Http://www.grantcentral.com/winninggrants.html

**Software** (2)
- Mendeley, or other free reference manager. works with word or latex.
- Moderately useful software tool to manage disparate thoughts in a manuscript: http://www.literatureandlatte.com/

**NONE** (11)
- 5 great apps for doing pomodoros http://iphone.appstorm.net/roundups/productivity-roundups/5-great-apps-for-working-the-pomodoro-technique/
  -- Nicole LaDue

- Accountability groups
- Clarity
- Concise
- Environmental toxicology website - setac
- Hired pen (http://www.hiredpeninc.com)
-- Alyssa Shiel

- How to write a scientific paper ---
- On campus (stanford) writing boot-camp which allows a space to focus on writing while feeling held accountable to others.
- PhD comics
- Preparing for an academic career
- Science writing (book title ???)