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A WRITING GOAL

Writing groups can help to motivate the writers involved. A great way to ensure each member makes progress with their writing is to ask each member to set a target for their work, with the deadline as the next group meeting.

The idea being that writers update the group with their progress each time the group meets. This should be a friendly exercise, with group members setting realistic targets that fit their lifestyles. The goals should feel reasonably easy to achieve as they're more likely to be accomplished that way. Here are some example goals.

I plan to write a first draft of my novel opening before our meeting next month.

I'm going to write every day, even if it's just a few a lines.

I'm going to edit a chapter by the next meeting.

I'm going to write a draft of my short story idea.

I'm going to research my novel idea.

If the group are willing you could have a goal setting exercise at the end of every meeting, and a progress report at the start of every meeting.