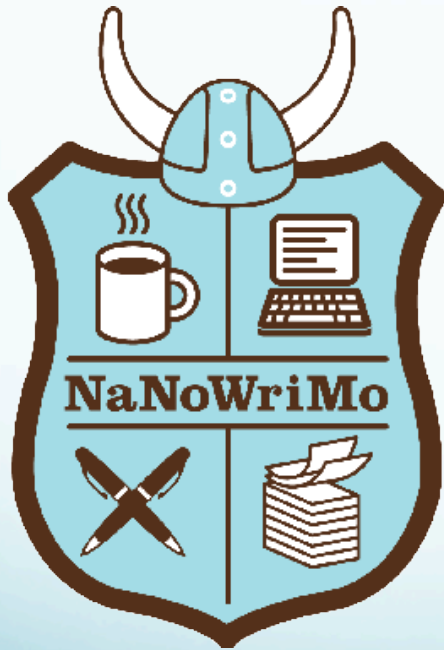


NaNoPlanno

**Everything You Need to Know
for a Successful NaNoWriMo**



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THE PLAN

- What's NaNoWriMo?
- Resources
- Life Prep
- Story Prep
- Stuck Prep
- What's Next?

WHAT IS NANOWRIMO?



**National
Novel
Writing
Month**

www.NaNoWriMo.org

WINNING BOILS DOWN TO

50,000 WORDS IN 30 DAYS =

1667 words/day for 30 days

OR

2000 words/day 6 days a week

OR

Calculate how many working days YOU will have,
then divide 50,000 by that number

NaNo ALTERNATIVES

- Be a NaNo Rebel



- CampNaNoWriMo



- Make Your Own



RESOURCES

- www.NaNoWriMo.org
 - NaNoWriMo Prep 101 free class
 - Your Municipal Liaison (ML)
 - NaNo Coaches
 - Forums, esp. Reference Desk
 - Your NaNo Buddies
 - Pep Talks!
 - eMails
- Official NaNo social media
- Other social media – your writing org’s
- Use/create your own support group
- www.KoboWritingLife.com

Life Prep

Story Prep

Stuck Prep

Life Prep

- ① Internal
- ② Environment
- ③ Time
- ④ Others

Environment: REMOVE THE BAD

- “shoulds”
- distractions
- interruptions
- temptations

Environment: ADD THE GOOD

- motivation
- inspiration
- positivity
- mood
- story visuals

Environment: FIND ALTERNATIVES

- Identify alternate spaces in your house
- Coffee shop or library
- Car
- Nature
- Day job
- Someone else's house

Environment: DO WHAT YOU CAN



Work with
what
you have.

Time: CALENDAR CLEARING

- ELMINATE
- POSTPONE
- TRADE
- REDUCE
- DO IT NOW
- STREAMLINE
- CONSOLIDATE

Time: EMAIL

Limit

- How often you check
- How much time you spend reading
- How much time you spend replying

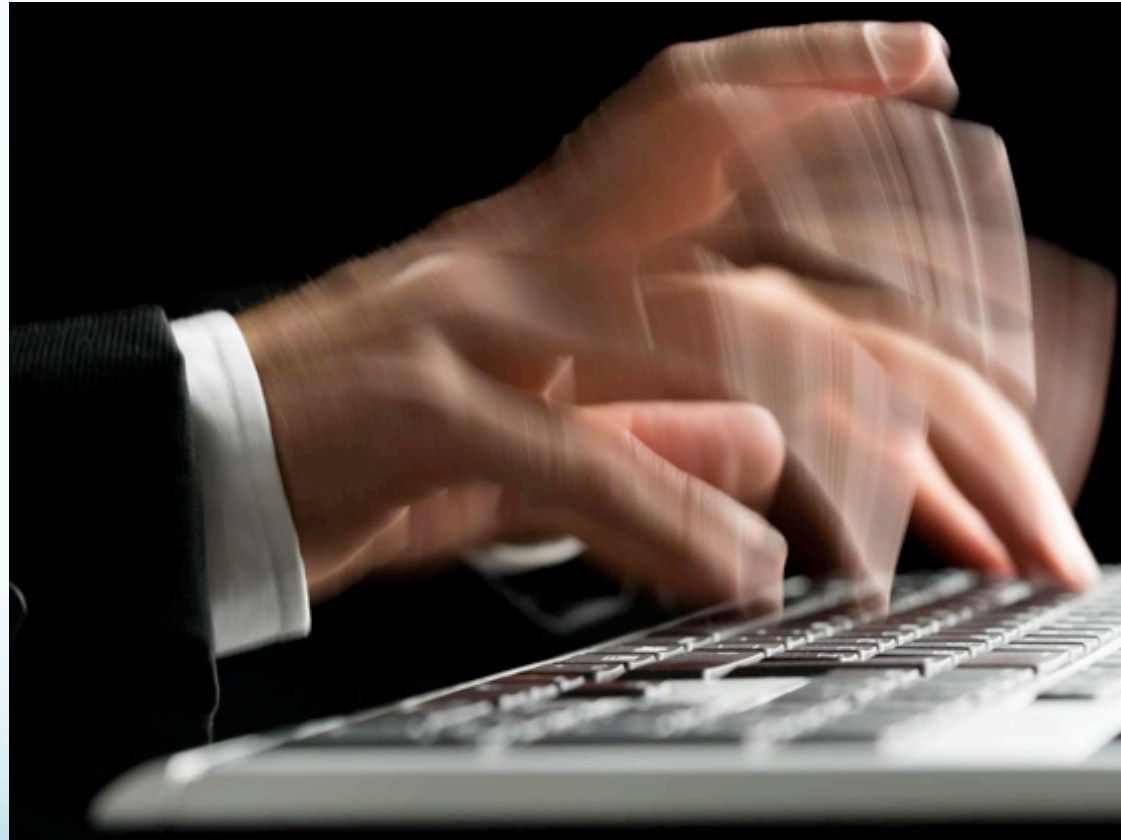
Curate

- Unsubscribe
- Modify subscriptions
- Reply to lingering messages
- Notify friends and family

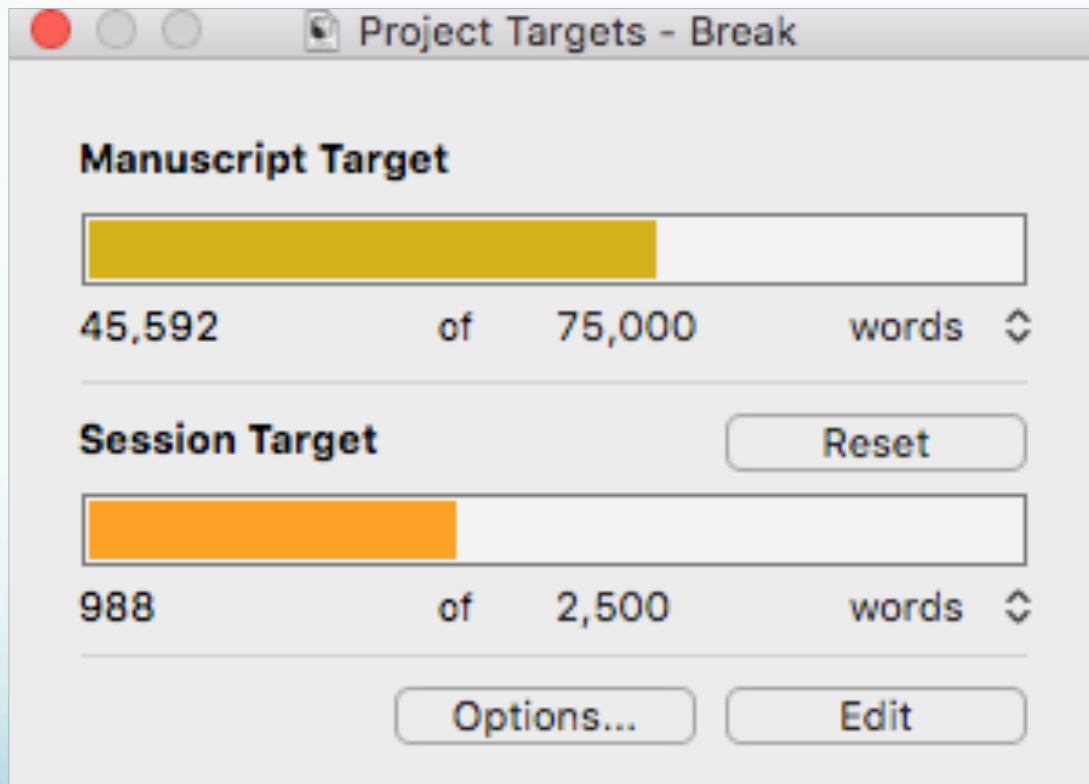
Triage

- Create folders – sort existing mail
- Quick sort 1x, 2x or 3x/day
- 1x daily: deal with truly “urgent”
- Weekly: go thru “can wait until” folder
- December: deal with contents

Time: HOW FAST DO YOU WRITE?



TRACKING WORD COUNT



NaNoWriMo 2020 Word Count Tracking		
DATE	TARGET	ACTUAL
1	2500	
2	2500	
3	2500	
4	2500	
5	2500	
6	2500	
7	0	
8	0	
9	2500	
10	2500	
11	2500	
12	2500	
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25	2500	
26	0	
27	2500	
28	0	
29	0	
30	0	
20 days	50000	

Story Prep

- ① Roadmap
- ② Plot
- ③ Characters
- ④ Setting
- ⑤ Research

PLOTTER vs PANTSER



BE A PLANTSER

PLOTTING GRID with GMC

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

GMC	External	Internal
Goal		
Motivation		
Conflict		

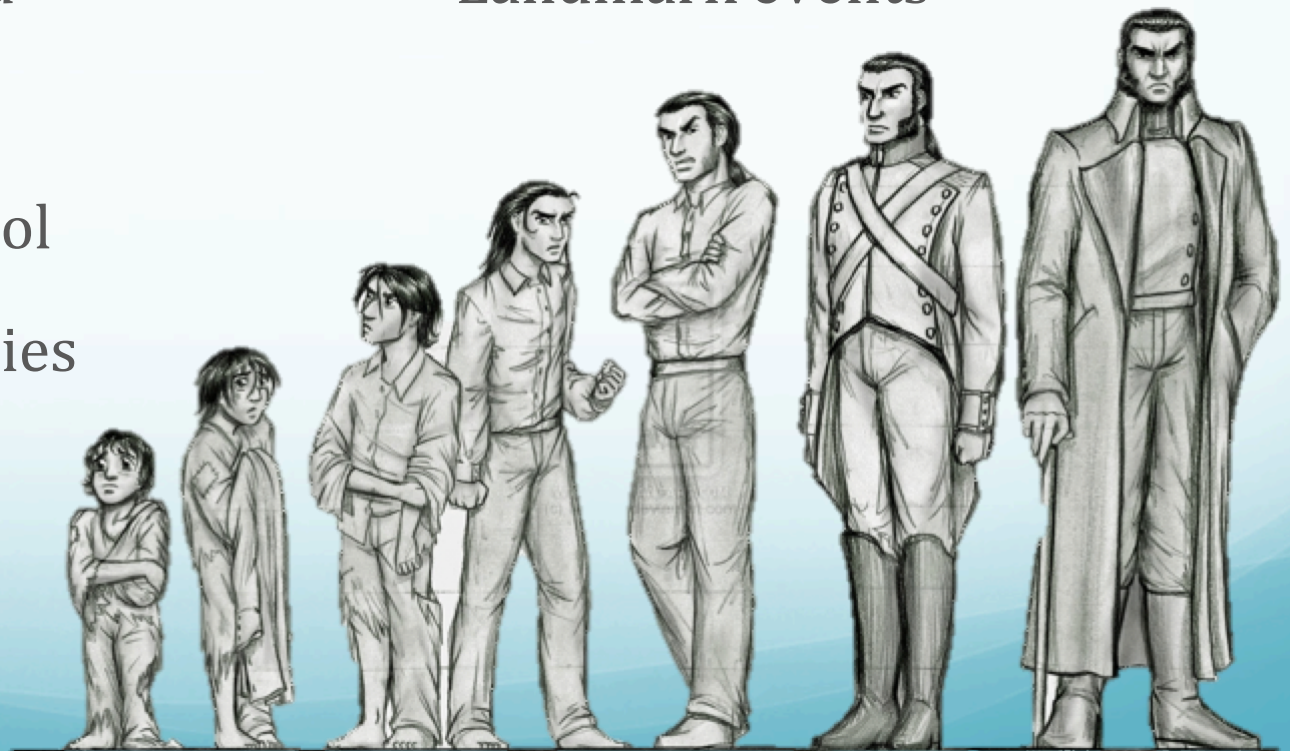
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SNAPSHOT OF “PAGE ONE CHARACTER”

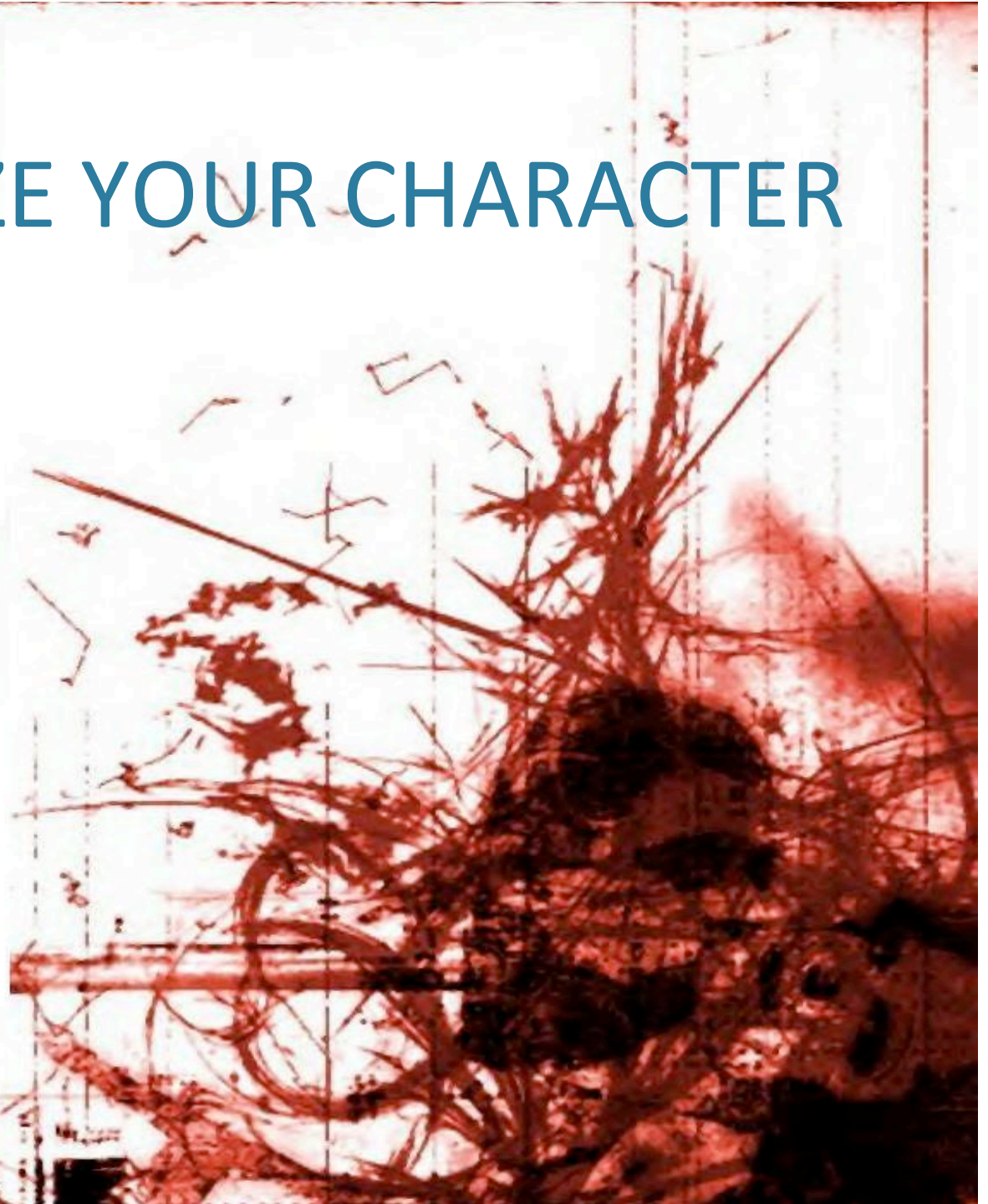
Gender	Location	Personality
Name	Occupation	traits
Age	Family	Favorites
Physical traits	Relationships	Goals & dreams
		Fears & phobias

MILESTONES

- Birth story
- Family
- Where resided
- Toddlerhood
- 1st day of school
- Sports & hobbies
- Siblings
- Friends
- Love interests
- Pets
- Landmark events



TRAUMATIZE YOUR CHARACTER



Stuck Prep

- ① Motivation
- ② Doldrums
- ③ Personal demons
- ④ ~~Writer's~~ Story block

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Why do you want to do NaNo?
- Where are you going to write?
- Prep calendar and make time!
- Set expectations with Others
- Prep your story – Be a Planter!
- Prep some tools for if you get stuck
- NaNoWriMo official prep class
- Sign up for NaNo and gather some buddies

AFTER NANO

December 9, 2020

Editorial Summit: You Won NaNo, Now What?

foxprinteditorial.com/summit

January and February 2021

NaNoWriMo Official “Now What” Months

Org’s, Workshops, Conferences, Oh My!

Books, books, books