



Mapping Your Future as a Writer

Worksheet: Looking Ahead

Use these guidelines to plan your writing for the next year and beyond.

Drawing the Plan

1. Obtain several feet of banner paper and a handful of crayons. In the middle of the paper, draw a picture of yourself and how you feel about writing today.
2. On the left side of the figure, draw a time line of what you've been doing with your life until now.
3. On the right side of the figure, draw what you'd like your writing life to look like for the rest of your days on earth. Draw a time line of the major accomplishments. In the background, include other major life goals.

Writing a Response

1. How do you feel about your relationship to writing in the past? Why?
2. How do you feel about your relationship to writing today? Why?
3. What would you like your relationship to writing to be in the future? Why?
4. What writing did you accomplish in the past year? How do you feel about it? Why?

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Dreaming Your Future

- List the project ideas you've brainstormed in the past and at this retreat. Add a few more if you think of new ones.
- For which of these projects do you feel the most passion? Why?
- Compared to other projects you've brainstormed, where should this "most passionate" project fit into your writing time line? Why?
- Consider all your project ideas again. Which project(s) would be realistic to accomplish in the next year?
- On a blank workbook page, create a twelve-month calendar for the next year. Jot down what you could do each month to reach your writing goal(s).
- What are the biggest obstacles to the goals on this calendar?
- How can you overcome these obstacles?
- Spend time in prayer, committing your ideas and goals to God. Allow him time to speak to you, affect your plans, and encourage you as a writer.