

THE WRITER'S HUSTLE

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A SELF-EVALUATION

"NOTORIETY AND MEDIOCRITY ARE OFTEN INTERCHANGEABLE TERMS."

- EDITH WHARTON

- I READ WIDELY TO KEEP MYSELF INFORMED AND INSPIRED.
- I USE A RELIABLE NOTETAKING SYSTEM TO RECORD MY DAILY THOUGHTS & OBSERVATIONS.
- I SET REALISTIC, MEASURABLE GOALS FOR MY WRITING.
- I HAVE A ROUTINE THAT HELPS ME MEET MY WRITING GOALS.
- I USE THE INTERNET TO BUILD A WRITING COMMUNITY AND EXPAND MY READING.
- I SEEK OUT CRITICISM FROM PEERS, AND TRUST CRITIQUE AS PART OF THE WRITING PROCESS.
- I LOOK FOR MENTORS WHO CAN MODEL NOT ONLY WAYS OF WORKING, BUT ALSO WAYS OF LIVING.
- I SUPPORT OTHER WRITERS BY PARTICIPATING IN MY LOCAL WRITING COMMUNITY.
- I TRUST THE PROCESS—THAT GREAT WRITING HAPPENS SLOWLY, ONE DAY AT A TIME.
- I SUBMIT WORK WHEN IT'S READY, AND I USE REJECTION AS PART OF THE WRITING PROCESS.
- IF I'M IN A CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM, I'VE ALSO GOT A BACK-UP PLAN.
- I REVIEW MY GOALS & ADJUST MY HABITS AND ROUTINES TO CONTINUE MAKING PROGRESS.
- I FORGIVE MYSELF FOR FALLING SHORT TODAY, AND THEN GET BACK AT IT TOMORROW.

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