

Tip and Tricks!

Character Development/Naming

- List of names that fit the time frame (male/female, in order so as not to duplicate too closely too often) so that prepared for when writing begins
- Gary Gygax “Extraordinary Book of Names”. It’s good.
- Llewellyn’s Book of Names
- Behind the Name (website)
- Info Helpful Links Resources – Name generators (on NaNo site)

Planner Tips:

- Binder of All
 - o Resources
 - o Settings
 - o Plotting, etc.
- Boho Berry Bullet Journal

Writing, etc.

- Word prompts FTW
- Coerce your friends (for support/no nagging/etc.)
- Pick a writing time and try to stick with it
- Get your space all set (Zen yo)
- Delete your social media apps (or like, other things to reduce distractions)
- Add writing buddies (aka Competition)
- STICKERS (on your calendar) (or our calendar)
- Skip around if you need to (if chronology has killed you);
 - o Likewise, use brackets and notes to skip character names when you don’t have them yet
- Kill inner critic, send inner editor on vacation

- RE: Silencing inner editor – You need to finish it before you can edit it, so just focus on finishing
- Give yourself permission to suck (Write a “Zero Draft”)
- Have a plan for week 2
- Don’t fight where your characters want to go! Just let them goooooo
- If you run out of time, take notes! Don’t forget where you were taking the story
- Never stop at the beginning of a scene

Plotting/Action

- How to Fight Right (tumblr)
 - Info on being accurate with weaponry; “Would they survive??”

General

- Keep your computer charged at all time (Just in case)
- BACK UP YO STUFF SON
 - Cloud
 - External hard drive
 - Flash drive
 - Etc.
 - Take care in dating because if you are syncing between devices (like with Dropbox) it might be confusing
- Come to write ins with doc downloaded (don’t rely on wifi, it’s evil/temperamental)
- Safety first! Stretch and get up and move about to keep your body alive
- Treat yo self (Rewards for hitting milestones or meeting goals)
- Be accountable
 - Have people check in on you
 - Tell social media so then you have to do it
- Freezer meals wheee! And/or crock pot meals
- *NaNo for the New and Insane* by Lazette Gifford (downloadable PDF book)