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Goals for this Session



To draw out your inner author and build your enthusiasm.



To generate or advance your ideas for new writing projects.



To provide an opportunity for brainstorming and peer feedback.

Reflective Exercise

- Think about your most recent writing experience.
- What went well? What was hard or easy about it?
- What do you still need to learn, or learn to do better?

Writing.

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Hard!

Write what you know.

Your Writing Process:

The diver
writer

The
patchwork
writer

The grand
plan writer

The
architect
writer

You?

Prewriting

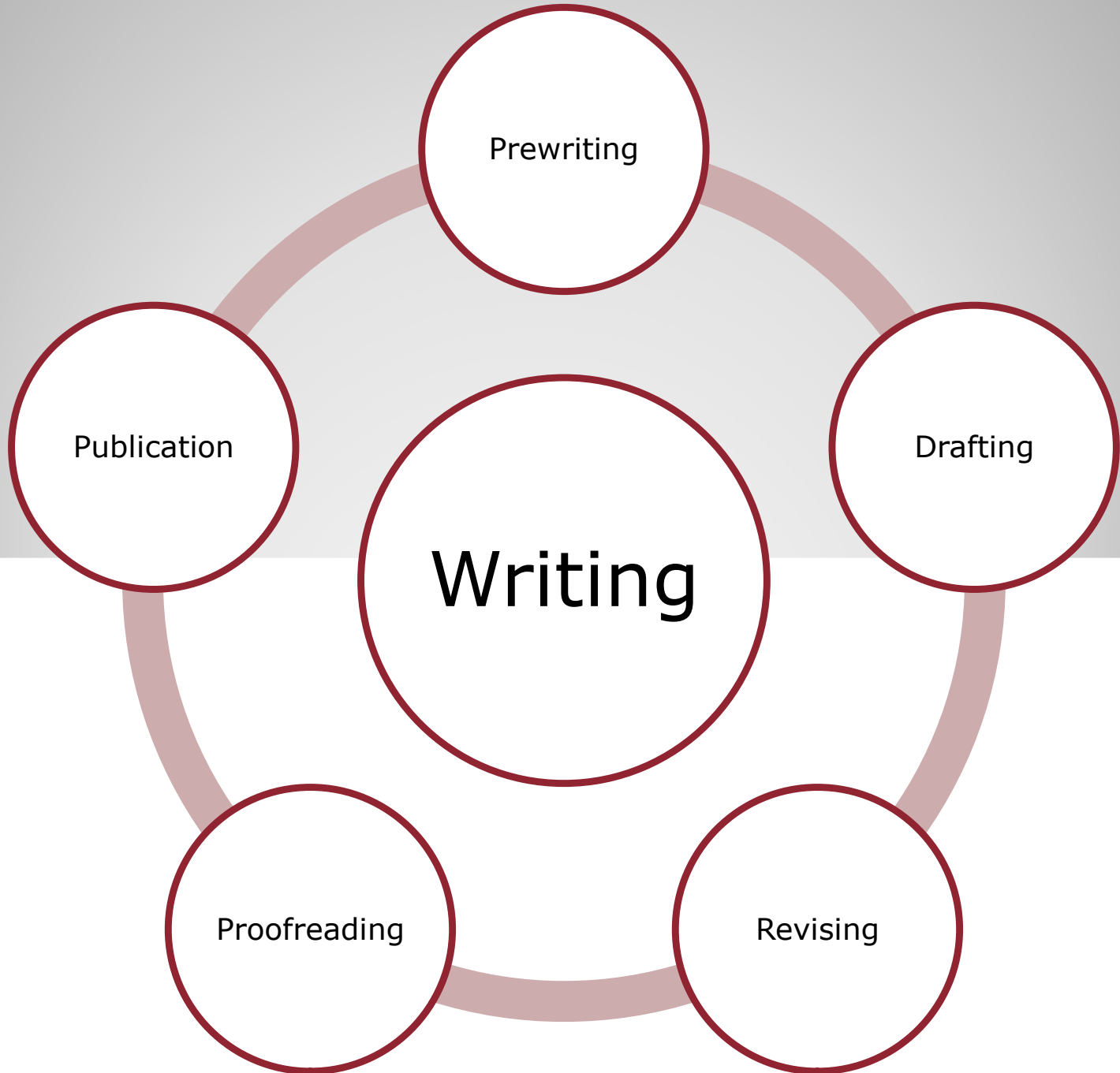
Drafting

Writing

Revising

Proofreading

Publication



1. Prewriting

Steps

- Topic selection
- Research, read, discuss, refine
- Plan & outline

Methods

- Brainstorming
- Freewriting
- Journaling
- Investigating (research)
- Outlining
- Mind mapping

Brainstorming Break!



10 minutes,
brainstorm and
outline a new
topic alone or
with a neighbor

2. Drafting

- Writing bad first drafts (Anne Lamott)
- "Getting it down" without self-consciousness
- No second-guessing allowed at this stage

5-Minute Draft



Freewrite for
5 minutes on
your outlined
topic

3. Revising

Get feedback

- Writing group
- Colleagues

Helping to refine content

- Strong/weak
- Sandwich comments
- Be specific
- Ask questions

4. Proofreading

Appearance

Formatting

Fonts

Footnotes

Headers and
footers

Linguistics

Spelling

Punctuation

Sources

Citations correct

All sources
referenced

Acknowledgements

5. Publication

Submitting

Where?
How?

Process

Editors
Peer
review
Revising
(again)

Celebrating

Glory!

Peer review

What Now?

Practice

Co-
authors

Writing
group

Deadlines!

Resources Consulted

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