Writing Practices for Navigating the Honors Thesis

1. Practices for Sustaining Momentum
   - Stop Just Before Completing a Writing Task Each Day
   - Construct a Written Dialogue Using Comment Feature
   - Treat Dissonance as Generative
   - Set up Regular Opportunities for Feedback
   - Write First and Read Later
   - Cite, Format, and Summarize After Writing
   - Read to Write

2. Practices for Establishing Focus
   - Consider Your Rhetorical Situation Throughout the Writing Process
   - Craft Meta-commentary to Anchor Your Purpose
   - Chart the Rhetorical Moves in Your Text
   - Analyze the Rhetorical Moves in Model Texts
   - Examine the Ways Writers Establish Significance (CARS)

3. Practices for Enhancing Productivity
   - Experiment with Dictation Software
   - Set Daily Writing Goals in Terms of Page Count (Not Time)
   - Carve Out Writing Blocks and Protect Them
   - Never a Day without a Line

   - Form Writing Groups
   - Set Attainable Goals Each Day
   - Know Your Limits
   - Strive for Balance
   - Be Gracious: (Re)Learning to Write is a Lifelong Project

5. Practices for Moving Toward Publication
   - Learn to Write Grant Proposals and Conference Proposals
   - Learn to Write Research, Teaching, and Revision Cover Letters
   - Join a Listserv in Your Area of Specialization
   - Read Journals in which You Aim to Publish
   - Present Your Work at Regional, National, and International Conferences
   - Follow Through on Course Projects and Get Your Work in the Mail