Many scholarly writers are educated at the School of Hard Knocks, but it’s not the only school, or even the best. Much is known about how to become a better, more prolific writer—and any scholar can. Even when you can’t work harder, there are important ways to work smarter. Every scholar can become more prolific and these steps will show you how.

Manage Time
- Differentiate between the urgent and the important.
- Write 15–30 minutes daily.
- Keep records of writing daily; share your records weekly.

Write
- Write from the first day of your research project.
- Post your thesis on the wall and write to it.

Revise
- Organize around key sentences.
- Use your key sentences as an after-the-fact outline.

Get Help
- Share early drafts with non-experts and later drafts with experts.
- Learn how to listen.
- Respond to each specific comment.

Polish and Publish
- Read your prose out loud.
- Kick it out the door, and make ‘em say, “No.”

Previous participants who took these steps increased productivity by a factor of three.

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What previous participants say:
“I tried these steps on a paper I had been trying to put together for five years. Four weeks later the paper is out for review.”
“Internalizing these steps has caused my productivity to quadruple.”

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