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WRITE THE INTRO LAST  
Jot a few sentences to sketch your main thoughts and serve as a placeholder while you write the body of your dissertation. Draft Methods and Results first, since these parts are straightforward. Most importantly, writing your intro last will help maintain logical consistency throughout your paper.

“Finishing parts you’ve already started will give you traction to finish the rest!”

BE CLEAR & CONCISE  
Each paragraph should be complete and summarizable in one sentence, the topic sentence, which should be near the beginning of each paragraph. Theoretically, a reader should be able to read the first lines of each paragraph and easily understand the flow of your argument.

“If you can’t explain something simply, you don’t understand it well enough.” — Albert Einstein

KISS YOU INNER EDITOR GOODBYE  
While you are writing your first draft, don’t try to edit. The objective of a first draft is to get all your ideas down on paper. If you constantly stop to re-examine every word you write, you might find yourself getting nowhere.

“Curious about what tenses to use in your research papers? Check out this article!”

DO THE UNUSUAL WHEN EDITING  
Read your manuscript in reverse order. This technique will help you overcome your brain’s tendency to overlook mistakes you’ve written because your eyes have become accustomed to the text.

“When you’re ready, pick it up and read it... If there are things you aren’t satisfied with as a reader, go in and fix them as a writer. That’s revision.” — Neil Gaiman

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PACMe YOURSELF
Procdraristating on a document that could be upwards of 300 pages would be foolish, to say the least! A specific method that we recommend is the Pomodoro Technique. Write for 20-25 minutes, take a 5-minute break. Rinse and repeat.

“Start writing, no matter what. The water does not flow until the faucet is turned on.”
— Louis L’Amour

“And the idea of just wandering off to a cafe with a notebook and writing and seeing where that takes me for awhile is just bliss.”
— J. K. Rowling

FIND YOUR WRITING SPOT
Designating a space as your “writing spot” will make your brain associate that space with writing and help you when you’re not feeling motivated

FIND A WRITING BUDDY
Being accountable to someone else can add the pressure you might need to write regularly. As a bonus, you can socialize after each writing session!

“You’re not alone! Use your support network to motivate you!”

FIND YOUR OPTIMAL FOCUS TIME
If you’re a true night owl, write after 4 PM. If you’re an early riser, hammer out your writing within the first THREE hours of waking up!

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“This is how you do it: you sit down at the keyboard and you put one word after another until its done. It’s that easy, and that hard.”
— Neil Gaiman

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