

journal writing exercises
establishing a practice

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## Free Writing

Write about whatever you feel like. This is only for you and you don't need to even reread it. You don't need to show it to anyone.

- 1. Have your journal and pen/pencil ready.
- 2. Set a timer for 5 minutes.
- 3. Warm up your hands by rubbing them together for a few moments.
- 4. Start writing.
- 5. At the 5 minute mark close your journal and set it aside.

Your journaling for the day is done.

## List Making

Consider list making as a way of noticing (if you are into making lists) or clearing out thoughts.

- 1. Have your journal and pen/pencil ready.
- 2. Set a timer for 3 minutes.
- 3. Items can be single words or phrases.

Use your list for future journaling prompts.

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