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MENTORSHIP
QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for downloading your mentorship questionnaire and joining the DIY MFA *Mentorship Program!* I am so excited to work with you and can't wait to get to know you and your writing. This initial consultation is a great way for us to lay the foundation of your own personalized DIY MFA program.

Let's get started!

Instructions: Set aside 30-60 minutes and answer these questions thoroughly. Type your answers into the spaces provided using Adobe Acrobat Reader and save the document. Make sure your name is in the filename (*example:* Gabriela-Pereira.pdf).

Email your completed questionnaire back to me (gabriela@DIYMFA.com). When I receive your questionnaire, I'll email you to set up a time for a 60-minute mentorship consultation.



write

WITH FOCUS

These questions will help us figure out how you can make writing a priority while still finding time for other activities and responsibilities. We'll also talk about how you can boost your creativity through prompts and writing exercises, as well as hone your craft and master writing techniques.

Your answers here will help me tailor your writing plan specifically to your needs, so you can write that book you've always wanted to write, and become the best writer you can be.

- How long have you been writing?
- In a typical week, how many hours do you write?
What does your writing schedule usually look like?
- When do you do your best writing?
- What's the biggest obstacle you face when trying to write?
- What are your favorite genres and styles to write?

- **What is the main writing project you want to focus on right now.**
(Describe this project briefly in the space below.)

- **Where are you right now with this project?**
(i.e. what stage is this project in right now? First draft? Fifth draft? Final polish?)

- **Where do you want to be in 6 months?**

Please include a 500-word selection from your main project so I can get to know your writing. You can attach it as a Word Document (make sure your name is in the filename.)

- What areas or techniques in writing do you find most challenging?
(Mark with an X for all that apply.)

In general

With this Project

Character Development

Point of View

Voice

Plot

Structure

Outlines

Pacing

World-Building (Setting)

Description

Dialogue

Theme

Revision

- If you could change ONE thing about your writing process or style, what would it be?

read

WITH PURPOSE

In this section, we'll focus on ways you can make the most of your reading time. First we'll get a handle on what reading you're already doing, then we'll work on channeling that so you can read in a way that serves your writing. This is what we call "reading with purpose." By becoming a better reader, you'll become a better writer as well.

- **How many books do you read in a typical year?**
(Includes all books: fiction, nonfiction, and books read for research.)

- **What are the last 5 books you've read?**
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.

- **List five magazines, blogs or websites you read most often.**
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.

- **What are 5 topics that fascinate you and you love to read about?**
(This can include genres or subtopics within genres.)
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.

- **Do you review, discuss or write about books you read? Please describe.** (This can include book blogs, book clubs, journals, online reviews, etc. Please describe below.)

- **What is your all-time favorite book? Why?**

- **What book do you absolutely hate? Why?**

- **When you dislike a book, do you feel compelled to finish it anyway? Or do you put it away and read something else?**

- **What is the one thing you most want to improve so you can become a more productive reader?**

