

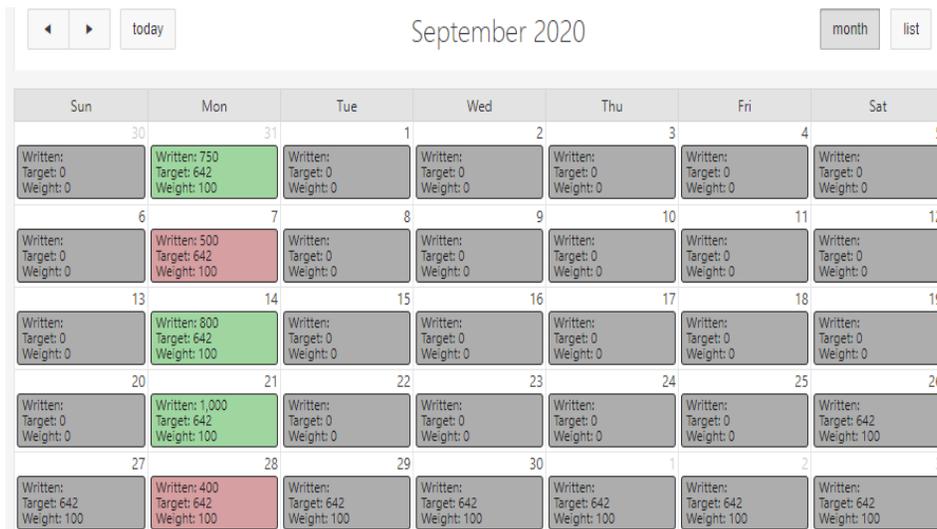
**RESOURCES FOR TRACKING YOUR WRITING**

Below are options for how you can measure and track writing progress throughout the semester.

**WORDCOUNT TRACKERS**

An important aspect of progressing on early writing projects is getting words onto the page. You can track your wordcount gains by recording your starting word count at the beginning of each writing session and then recording your final word count.

[WriteTrack](#) is a free wordcount tracker that helps writers divide a wordcount goal across multiple writing sessions. After setting their target counts, writers then manually enter the number of words that they wrote in each session on their writing calendar, as shown in the image below.



**Figure 1: WriteTrack Calendar Example**

As writers enter their counts, WriteTrack generates performance reports that show a writer their progress over time. For writers who feel like their writing is successful when they get words onto the page, wordcount trackers allow you to monitor your progress.

**ACCOUNTABILITY LOGS**

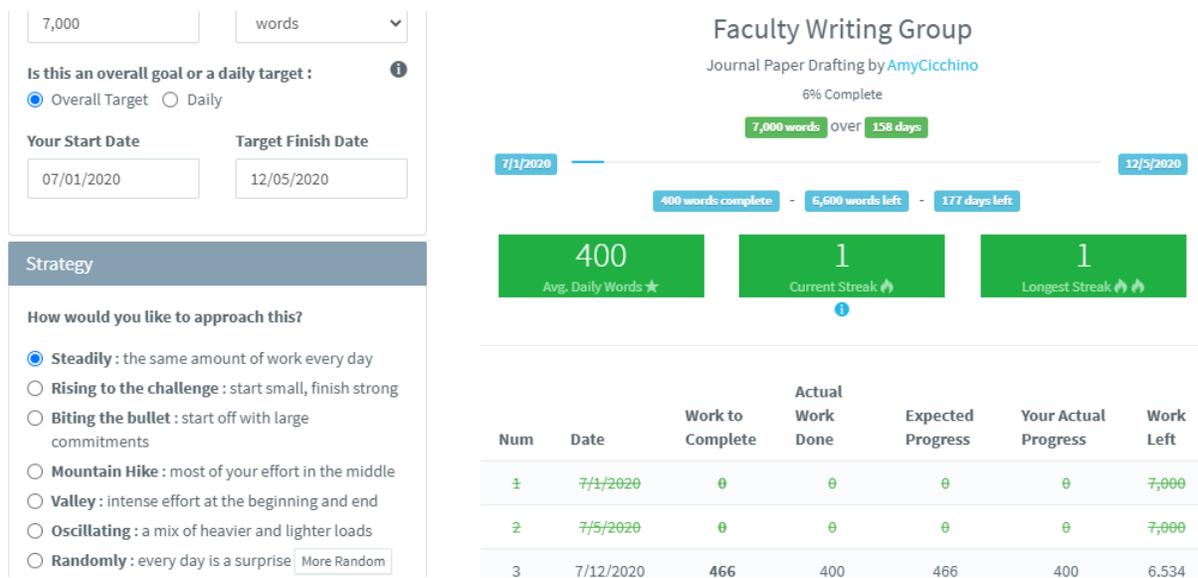
Accountability logs help keep a record of your writing progress in comparison to your writing goals. Groups can keep one another accountable by logging progress and time-on-task onto shared writing progress documents. However, logs will still benefit writers working individually as they provide one with an opportunity to break a writing task into multiple, smaller goals. An example log is displayed in Table 1.

Week	Goals	Writing Time (Goal)	Writing Time (Actual)	Accomplishments	Reflection
1	Revise introduction of "A Panoramic View..." article.	2 hours	1.5 hours	Re-framed introduction and outlined literature review	Close email when you're writing so that you can focus! Also, you will need to find some reading time before you can begin drafting the lit review.
2	Read for literature review	2 hours	3 hours	Read through half of the identified sources but also added to the list	Several of the sources I read will also work for another manuscript I'm developing, so while this is taking a bit of time, I can craft more than one lit review through this process.

**Table 1: Example of Accountability Log.** This log features time-on-task as the defining successful measure, but you could also track word count or the achievement of writing-related goals.

## GOAL PLANNING

Once you have identified goals, you must think about the steps you will need to take to achieve them. Goal planning and progress tools can help with accountability. [Pacemaker Planner](#), a free goal setting planner, allows writers to set goals related to time-on-task, word count, sections, units, or steps. Writers can set their initial goals and decide how they want to distribute the load; writers then enter in their progress after each writing session. A screenshot of this platform is shared below.



**Figure 2: Pacemaker Planner Project Example**

There are also goal setting and tracking apps that can be downloaded onto your smart phone, such as [Strides](#), [Habit-Bull](#), and [Way of Life](#), among others.