

Articulation of Goals

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Everyone has goals.

- ✦ First, brainstorm yours.
- ✦ Recognize the differences between long-term and short-term
- ✦ Consider focusing on goals that challenge you, yet offer dividends within a relatively short amount of time

Start by focusing on what matters to you & what you know



Quality time with family is to be cherished. Time travels fast. Before you know it, all we'll have are solitary memories and snapshots to preserve our past. **Don't take your loved ones for granted.**

STYLE: Process Writing

- ✦ consider variations of thoughts/ideas
- ✦ Take time to refine language for conciseness and clarity
- ✦ whittle until the language has rhythm and flow
- ✦ every word should have power and contribute
- ✦ sentences are connected and related.
- ✦ incorporate descriptive details and a visual representation



Make it a priority to **get outside & go on adventures**, and try to experience and learn new things. Slowing down and tuning into the wonders around us, leads to an appreciation of the oft overlooked. And, sustained reflective thought promotes focus and creativity.





A wise older man who I met at a local assisted living home once gave me advice I've never forgotten. Wally was in his 90s, lost his wife, and was blind and partially deaf, yet living was still a thrill and he relished in making connections with people. It was a story Wally told me about always **making family vacations a priority**, as he and his wife raised their young family. He explained that it wasn't always fancy or far from home, but his family was together and they got to further develop their relationships.

STYLE: Genre Exploration



Vignettes and anecdotes encourage connections between writers and audience of readers.

Incorporating your experiences and practical applications of theme establishes rapport . Pay if forward with powerful story.

I pledge to
**advance 21st century
literacy instruction by
incorporating skills
consumers and
producers of media
need to be successful.**

We learn best through
hands on experience. Our
students need the resources
to practice and experiment
with the technology that is
becoming a larger part of
their culture.



Now is not the time
for complacency. The
Horizons Literacy Project
is positioned to lead
the charge.



STYLE: Impacting Others

- ✦ Personal goals can have residual carry-over and dramatically impact others, as well.
- ✦ Think about ways you can make a difference and help people around you.
- ✦ Solving world hunger and promoting world peace are admirable missions, but consider starting with something more local, manageable, and immediate.
- ✦ How will you go about informing others of your vision, your needs, and ways others can help and get involved?

The best writers are readers, and there are many great books on my shelves waiting for me. **I need to commit the time and energy to reading more.** Besides escaping the confines of our current reality, books introduce us to new people, speak to us about humanity and overcoming adversity, and serve as models for those striving to learn more about craft and the dynamics of storytelling.

