**5 YEAR PLAN TEMPLATE**

**Career: Writer**

**Macro-goal**

*(Your main goal to be achieved in 5 years)*

I want to be a sci-fi novelist with a book coming out every 18 months to 2 years.

**Personal Audit**

*(Your skills, knowledge, or experience relating to chosen field)*

I’m an excellent writer with an expansive vocabulary

I love science fiction and creating alternate worlds

I know how to craft a story with interesting arcs and plot twists

I know how to write interesting, multi-faceted characters

I have written over 20 long essays and short stories (half published in literary journals)

I have written a contest-winning science fiction novella

**Short-term Goals**

*(Realistic daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly deadlines for each objective)*

Writing and editing every day

Expanding my vocabulary and knowledge about writing science fiction

Attending writing conferences and workshops

Establishing a group of trusted readers

Finding a literary agent

Pitching manuscript to publishers

**Timeline for Goals**

*(Schedule to achieve smaller goals)*

Daily goal: Write for at least an hour

Weekly goal: Meet with a trusted reader for notes/feedback

1 month goal: Complete and edit 4 chapters

2-month goal: Complete and edit another 4 chapters

4-month goal: Find a literary agent and pitch manuscript to publisher(s)

1 year goal: First book release and outline next book

2-year goal: Complete second novel of trilogy

**Resources**

*(Things you have that will help you achieve your objectives)*

I have a Master’s in creative writing

I have a good friend who is a published writer and can ask her for advice

I have a quiet vacation home where I can write without being interrupted

I have a laptop and software to help me map out my novel(s)

**Obstacles**

*(Things that might hinder your ability to complete objectives)*

Saving enough money to work only part time (to allow more writing time)

Not finding the right publisher

Getting discouraged from rejection

Literary agent isn't as effective as I would like

Slower editing process than expected