

FIGURE 2.1 ■ **Schedule Planning Tool**

SCHEDULE

- Decide **HOW MUCH TIME** per week I am willing and able to set aside to devote to writing. Be realistic!
- Write this down: "I commit to setting aside X hours for writing each week."
- Make a list of my regular activities during the week.
- Determine which days (and hours) I can realistically set aside each week. List these in chronological order.

SET UP

- Determine **WHAT I WILL NEED** to set myself up well so that it is conducive to writing with minimal distractions.
- Brainstorm all possibilities.

TIME

- Determine the **LENGTH** of my writing sessions. Be realistic!
- Look back at my "schedule" above.
- Write this down: "My goal is X hours minimum per week."
- Determine **WHY** the days I have set for myself **WILL** work.

SESSIONS

- Identify why the **TIMES** I have set will enable me to be most productive.
- Write this down very explicitly!

FREQUENCY

- Explain what **AMOUNT** of writing is going to best sustain my momentum.
- Think carefully about and review my "schedule," "time," and "sessions" above.
- Write this down and be very explicit.