



Is NaNoWriMo and similar monthly challenges too short? Are year long challenges like WriYe too long or intimidating? Are you looking for a new type of challenge? Look no further than the Challenge of Seasons.

What is it?

The premise of this challenge is to split the year into 4 equal parts, ideally with the changing of the seasons, leaving 3 month challenges with a variety of possibilities. This challenge is meant to be flexible with just enough rigidity to provide that kick in the butt some of us need to get some good writing done.

How it Works:

The first thing to do is to decide how to split up your year. There are a variety of ways to do it such as on the Equinoxes and Solstices with the actual change of the seasons, or doing it based on the months starting in January or however you want to group the months, or even using the Cross Quarter holidays for the Wheel of the Year! It's up to you!

Note: The "official" division used for announcements and such for this challenge will be based on months starting in January with the quarters being January - March, April - June, July - September, and October - December. However, don't let this stop you from picking something else and sharing with us! We'll cheer you on either way!

So, you've divided your year. Now what? Now is the fun part, for each of the quarters you get to decide what is the challenge you are going to take on for that quarter. Want to write a certain amount, whether that's pages or words? Pick that! Want to edit a project or part of a project? Choose that! World building? Absolutely! Plotting? You got it! This is meant to be an all encompassing challenge that covers all parts of the writing process, not just the drafting.

The only suggestion is to make the goal actionable and trackable so that you have a good way of keeping track of your progress. What does that mean? For things like editing or world building, break it down into "articles" or "pages" so that you have a way to track the progress you have. Seeing that progress is often the BIGGEST form of motivation.

The Final Thing:

The last part of this challenge is community! We actively encourage interaction amongst participants so that we can all cheer each other on and offer support! Share that you are participating wherever you feel comfortable doing so and share with others! Definitely use the hashtag #ChallengeofSeasons on the appropriate social media to find others participating. If you want official support, announcements, mini challenges, voice meetups, progress forums, and more we suggest you join our official Discord! <https://discord.gg/xVesNsF3mq>

Happy challenging!!!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What are mini challenges?

A: Mini challenges are any challenges that aren't the overall Challenge of Seasons. They range in length from weeklong, to month long, weekend challenges, and single day challenges. Some happen monthly such as our 5k Weekend Challenge. For announcements regarding when and what mini challenges are happening I suggest getting the Mini Challenges role

Q: Are Seasons intended to be towards one project?

A: You get to define this for yourself. This challenge is meant to be wildly flexible. The only guideline is that any goal changes happen before the middle point of the season. You can simply set a goal to write a certain amount of words and words from any projects can apply to that. If you wish to make the target pertain to only one project you can do that as well.

Q: Is each season intended to be a different part of the writing process?

A: It definitely can be if you want to do a full cycle, but like with the previous question this is defined by you. You can do two seasons of writing if you wish, you can skip parts. You get to define what you are working on for each season and how it is tracked. The suggestion is just that you make it trackable in some way.

Q: How many words are we shooting for?

A: You get to choose! It doesn't even have to be defined by word count. You can do pages, you can do it however you choose as long as it is trackable.

Q: Is there a theme for each season?

A: No but I absolutely love this idea and am open to taking suggestions! Feel free to DM SynLovely or leave suggestions in the suggestion channel in the official Discord.

Q: Are results verified?

A: Nope! We have no viable way of doing this so it goes on an honor system. However, most of the accountability comes from us cheering each other on and what you choose to post!