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Start date: _____

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| <p>Purpose <i>Why does your blog exist? Make one defining statement that you will use as an anchor for all online marketing decisions</i> </p> | <p>Audience <i>How would you define your ideal audience in a few sentences?</i> </p> |
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| <p>Competitors </p> <p><i>Which other websites are competing for the attention of your audience?</i></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | <p>Content Anchors </p> <p><i>What keywords will you create content anchors for?</i></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | <p>Platform </p> <p><i>Where will you distribute your blog content?</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Your company blog</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Guest blogging</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">1. _____ 2. _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Repurposing</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Infographic <input type="checkbox"/> E-Book</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Video <input type="checkbox"/> Template</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> | <p>Channels </p> <p><i>Where will you promote your blog content?</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Email</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Social <input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Influencers</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">1. _____ 2. _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">3. _____ 4. _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> |
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| <p>Resources </p> <p><i>Who is accountable for this blog strategy?</i></p> <p>Research _____ Governance _____</p> <p>Writing _____ Repurposing _____</p> <p>Creative _____ Promotion _____</p> <p>Quality Assurance _____</p> | <p>Rhythm </p> <p><i>How many blogs can you commit to scheduling every week?</i></p> <p>Day: _____ Time: _____</p> <p>Day: _____ Time: _____</p> <p>Day: _____ Time: _____</p> <p>Day: _____ Time: _____</p> <p>Day: _____ Time: _____</p> | <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; background-color: #e0f0ff;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 30%;">Metrics</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Goal</th> <th style="width: 50%;">Rating </th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Traffic</td> <td></td> <td>● ● ●</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Shares</td> <td></td> <td>● ● ●</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Inbound Links</td> <td></td> <td>● ● ●</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Subscribers</td> <td></td> <td>● ● ●</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Leads</td> <td></td> <td>● ● ●</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other</td> <td></td> <td>● ● ●</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Metrics | Goal | Rating  | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic | | ● ● ● | <input type="checkbox"/> Shares | | ● ● ● | <input type="checkbox"/> Inbound Links | | ● ● ● | <input type="checkbox"/> Subscribers | | ● ● ● | <input type="checkbox"/> Leads | | ● ● ● | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | ● ● ● |
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Conversion Content



What content will you give away in exchange for someone's email address?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> E-Book | <input type="checkbox"/> Checklist | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Template | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheat Sheet | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Free Nurture Content



What additional content will you provide to someone that has opted in for the conversion content?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Video Course | <input type="checkbox"/> Webinar | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Email Course | <input type="checkbox"/> Free Trial | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Paid Nurture Content



What can you sell to your audience at a low price that will start them on a journey to buy your primary product or service?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1 Trial | <input type="checkbox"/> Paid Webinar | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paid Course | <input type="checkbox"/> Coaching Call | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

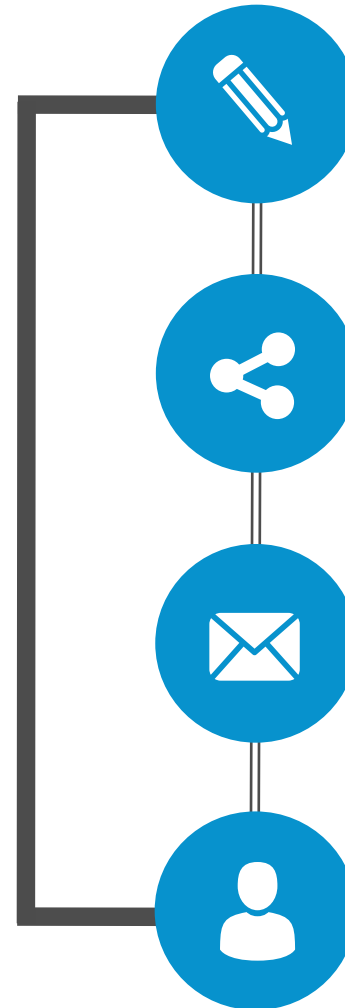
Primary Product or Service



How would you describe your primary product or service in a few sentences?

SIDEKICK BLOGGING FORMULA™

The 'Sidekick Blogging Formula' is what guides your activity once you have documented your strategy. Each component of this formula should be aligned to your 'Purpose' and 'Audience' definitions. It may be interpreted both sequentially and simultaneously. Over time you can focus on optimizing each part.



CREATE

This part of the formula is all about creating content. You are creating content based on your purpose, audience, rhythm, resources and content anchors - these are the part of your strategy that guide creation.

PROMOTE

Promotion is as important, if not more so, than creating content. In this part of the formula you are driving traffic to your blog posts and content anchors using the tactics that best reach your audience and pursue your purpose.

CONVERT

Now that you have people reading your content, you need to convert them into email subscribers. This part of the formula is all about creating appropriate 'conversion content' and optimizing your website to capture emails.

NURTURE

Once someone signs up for your email list you need to take them on a journey. This is where you capitalize on an automated email sequence exposing new audience members to 'Free Nurture Content', 'Paid Nurture Content' and eventually your 'Primary Product or Service'

