

EXPECTATIONS

What are your expectations for this class?

REFLECTION

What makes a writer?

What are your writing goals?

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You become a writer by writing. There is no other way. So do it. Do it more. Do it again. Do it better. Fail. Fail better. I think it's a good idea, especially when you're younger, you keep your hand in by writing something everyday.

STEPHEN KING

By the time I was fourteen the nail in my wall would no longer support the weight of the rejection slips impaled upon it. I replaced the nail with a spike and went on writing.

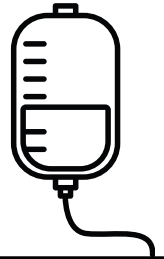
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Write or doodle your thoughts on the two quotes here.

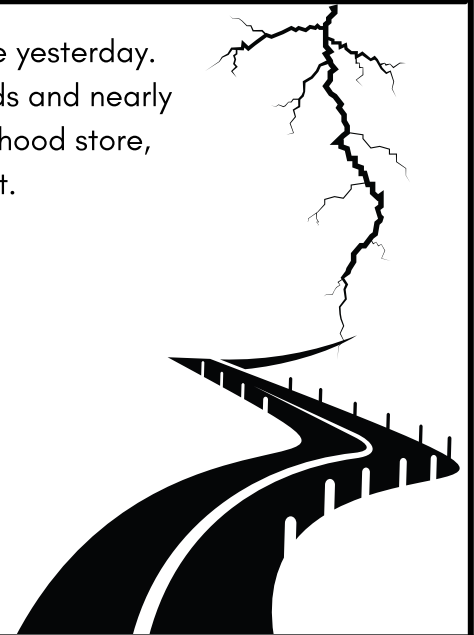
WHAT IS IT?

PROMPT: Is the following a story?

I went to the store yesterday and bought medicine.



The sky was churning with thunderclouds when I went to the store yesterday. My hands were sweating as I carefully navigated the flooded roads and nearly lost control of the car. But I managed to make it to our neighborhood store, and buy my mom's heart medication before she ran out.



QUESTION

What makes the second text a story? How do you know?

CREATIVE WRITING

Elements of Story:

- Setting
- Characters
- Theme
- Plot
- Conflict
- Resolution



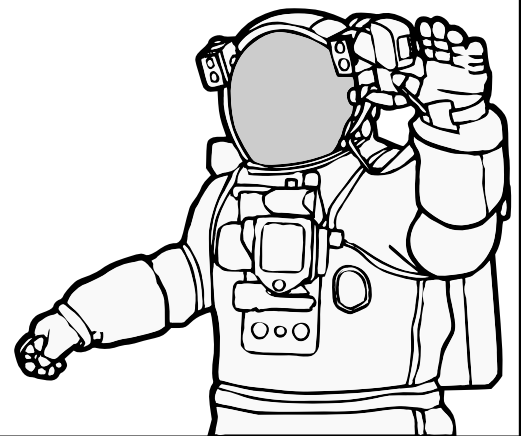
The Writing Process

- Prewriting
- Drafting
- Revising
- Editing
- Publishing

This is not a linear process. Chances are, you will revisit and work on different stages multiple times until you publish.

STORIES MAKE US WONDER

Think about this: there's an astronaut wandering around in a desert. What questions does that make you wonder?



You will learn how to build your own story by studying the works of other, established writers, responding to creative prompts, and asking yourself critical questions.

STORY PRACTICE

Write out questions you could ask about the following scenes:



A kingdom without a king or queen:

A school run by teenagers:



A warrior from medieval times, in modern day suburbia:

STORY PRACTICE

Write out questions you could ask about the following scenes:



A modern day immortality serum,
but only a select few have access:

A lip gloss that changes how you
look permanently:



A future where everyone is vegan:

