

Fiction Writer's Workshop

"I remember to pick up the one-inch picture frame and to figure out a one-inch piece of my story to tell, one small scene, one memory, one exchange."

~Anne Lamott~

Assignment: You are going to create a one page fiction "starter." Like many authors of fiction, you will start out with a very small focus, and develop that focus in detail. Your job is to use the elements of fiction to write the beginning of a story. Draw from your own life, your imagination, or a part of a story you've always wanted to tell.

Elements of Fiction to focus on:

- Develop a **character**, using physical description or dialogue
- Create the **setting**, using descriptive details from the five senses
- Showcase a strong narrative **point of view**. Who is the speaker (1st person/3rd person)?
- Develop the conflict or problem to solve within the **plot**

- Intro, Brainstorm and Plan
- Plan and Draft
- Peer/Teacher Review:
 - ✓ Teacher Conference: _____ (teacher initials)
 - ✓ Self Edit
 - ✓ Peer Edit
- Speed Dating with your story
- Publication**
- Writer's Café

Challenge Assignment: Develop your piece into a 3– 4 page story.

1st Draft DUE: Tuesday, January 7

2nd Draft DUE: Thursday, January 10

Final publication DUE: Friday, January 11