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Realistic Fiction Writing

**Assigned: Thursday, September 20, 2018 FINAL DRAFT DUE: Friday, October 19, 2018**

Over the last few weeks we have discussed strategies to create a piece of realistic fiction. Now is the time to take your drafts and create a final published piece! As you continue to work on your story, be sure to follow your plan sheets and guidelines for creating a strong lead, a detailed, dramatic middle that includes dialogue, and an effective ending. Be sure you have used 3-D writing and created tension within your story. Use the checklists below to help.

Overall strength and development within writing:

* Be sure as you tell the story that it is **realistic and fictional**. Make sure your story is **3-D**, not 2-D.
* Use one of or a combination of the **techniques** we discussed for **crafting a strong lead**.
* **Become the character** through your writing. Use specific details that purposefully develop your character. (*Refer back to your Character Boot Camp work*.)
* Be sure you have your **theme** in mind as you create your story.
* Be sure you have **added tension** and included an **important image** throughout the story.
* Include an **ending that is effective** and follows the guidelines from class.
* Include the **story elements** we discussed: exposition, rising actions, climax, falling actions, and resolution. Be sure that the scenes inside the small moment have progressed appropriately.
* Include **purposeful and thoughtful dialogue** in your story that is **punctuated correctly**.
* Do **NOT** use said more than twice. Do NOT use other tag words repeatedly.
* Use **at least 10 Word Study words**, and underline them.

Grammar conventions:

* Use ***paragraphs*** when you write.
* Use a ***variety*** of sentence types and sentence beginnings.
* Use ***proper capitalization*** and ***punctuation***, including the ***punctuation of dialogue***.

Formatting and other information:

* Your final draft MUST be typed on a computer. Be sure to double-space your line-spacing and use a font that is easy to read, such as Times, Century Schoolbook, or Arial, at size 12 or 14.
* Your name MUST be in the upper right-hand corner. Put it as a header, and it will appear on all pages.
* Use a creative title that is centered and bold and no bigger than 14 point font.