Creative Writing

Day 23
November 30th

• Fiction Starter: It was my best friend's deepest secret and it would be a hard one to keep...

• Agenda:
  – Fiction Starter
  – Flash Fiction
  – Descriptive Writing
  – Writing Down the Bones
Today’s Objectives

• I will know techniques I can use to keep writing.

• I will be able to write descriptive paragraphs.
Cast Your Vote!

Name Superintendent Dr. Logan's Podcast!

We're accepting naming submissions starting Nov. 27 through Dec. 3. Cast your vote by visiting the OPS Instagram or Twitter page. Dr. Logan will select her top three choices for a final vote on Dec. 5. #OPSLoganPodcast
18th Annual Teen Poetry Bash
Saturday, December 1, 2018 (1:30PM – 3:30PM)  Add to Calendar
W. Dale Clark (Main) Library

Description

Join us for our annual Teen Poetry Bash! Bring two of your original poems to perform as slam poetry or read aloud. Each entrant will perform one original poem. Top scoring entrants will pass the first round to perform a second poem and be eligible for the cash grand prizes. Featuring Louder Than a Bomb coaches from Nebraska Writers’ Collective as the judges and emcees. Must be in grades 8-12.

- 1st place: $100
- 2nd place: $50
- 3rd place: $25

Space is limited to 40 entries. Pre-registration is required for contestants only. Non-contestants do not need to register. Event check-in begins at 1 p.m., event starts at 1:30 p.m. Please see the official rules for complete details.

Parking will be validated for Poetry Bash attendees. Park at Omaha Park One (northwest corner of 15th & Douglas), catty-corner from the library and bring in your parking stub.
Flash Fiction

• Stories told in under 1000 words.

• http://flashfictiononline.com/main/
The Last Long Night

• Read the story and identify the parts of the plot rollercoaster:
  – Set up
  – Inciting incident
  – Rising action
  – Climax
  – Falling Action
  – Resolution
Character and Setting

• Find details that help readers understand the characters and setting.
Descriptive Writing Practice

From Bland to Strikingly Explanative
Descriptive Writing

• Can be used to make certain points seem more important.
• Helps create better imagery throughout the piece.
• Livens up the piece (takes away the boredom).
• Beware CLICHÉS – the description killer
  – If you have read it, heard it, or seen it – it is probably a cliché
Practice Time

• Write a descriptive paragraph for each of the following prompts. (Be Creative)
  – The man entered his home.
  – The lady walked into the street.
  – The dog ran to the fence.
Writing Exercises

Imagine a picture of a pencil doing exercises filling this box and enjoy the image.
Writing Down the Bones

• Don’t stop writing. Don’t ever stop writing.
• Take one of the prompts and write for 10 minutes – your pen/pencil can NEVER stop.
  – If you get stuck, do one of the following until you are no longer stuck
    • Write the same word over and over
    • Begin with another prompt
    • Write periods, colons, dashes, or whatever you need

REMEMBER, YOUR PEN/PENCIL CAN NEVER STOP!
Writing Down the Bones Prompts

• “I smell popcorn,” he said.
• The second wish the genie granted me...
• He was crazy if he really thought I was going to...
• As the chair creaked, the old man said, “When I was your age, cats...
• My happiest moments come when...
• It wasn’t my fault that...
• The platypus, the liger, or the jackalope
• What I hear you saying is...
• He chose not to tell anyone that he had dropped the restroom pass in the toilet.