

Mr. Francis
Writers Workshop

Character Assignment #1:

Synopses (dynamic between two characters)

Your challenge: Write six synopses (4-6 sentences each) of possible story ideas that establish a relationship between two characters based on the prompts below. Briefly describe the characters and what makes their relationship and/or the characters compelling, along with the basic plot.

Process: Your homework is to tackle one or more prompts per day until the assignment is submitted. For each prompt, use two or more of the following strategies:

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| a. brainstorm | d. interview |
| b. free write | e. research |
| c. observe | f. read |

Submit four, five, or six of these synopses. Your first choice for this marking period's focus should appear first (the rest in any order). Your homework is to pace yourself in completing all of the expectations for this process until the manuscript is submitted. Class activities may be designed to assist you.

Prompts: #1 a family member outside of one's immediate family
#2 a mentor & mentee
#3 a co-workers or colleagues
#4 a competitor, adversary, rival, etc.
#5 an authority figure & a subordinate or supporting figure
#6 two strangers -or- you choose

With permission from the instructor, a student may choose to revive a "false start" abandoned during our unit on setting if they propose an appropriate character pair to inhabit that space.

Length guidelines: Do not exceed two pages.

Format guidelines: All submissions must be single-spaced with a Courier New font and one-inch margins all around.

Assessment: Your response will be assessed pass/fail based on how adequately and appropriately it addresses the assignment.

Submission guidelines: Upload & confirm a properly formatted .pdf to turnitin.com by 7:59 a.m. on the assigned due date.

Any inspiration or unique assistance in completing this assignment (including your peers, on-line resources, any printed material, etc.) should be noted in your declaration. I have a zero indifference policy regarding academic dishonesty.