

Mr. Francis
Writers Workshop

Workshop Expectations

For all in-class workshops

Your challenge: To provide members of your assigned workshop group with meaningful feedback regarding their manuscripts for this marking period's major fragment and, also, to elicit meaningful feedback from them regarding your manuscript.

Process:

1. collate your weekly writing assignments as revised and expanded based on feedback from the instructor to create a document of 5-6 pages (approx. 1000-1200 words) for the members of your workshop group to read and critique--this is the revised draft for your major fragment
2. upload the revised draft to the instructor's shared Google Drive folder by 4 p.m. the day before workshop groups meet--use a properly formatted (see thatwasi.com) .pdf with your name and the assignment as part of the filename.
3. read each of your group members' revised drafts for the major fragment while taking notes in your notebook to support individualized comments you would like to make during class
4. write in your notebook any questions regarding the literary elements of your own revised draft (including any questions, comments, or concerns raised by the instructor's feedback)
5. print a hardcopy of your revised draft in advance of the dedicated workshop period, to use as a reference during discussion--bring this to class, attendance is mandatory
6. devote 12-15 minutes to discussing (during class, as a group) each of the revised drafts submitted by your group, focusing on literary elements and the "writerly decisions," "true sentences," "distinctive moments," etc.
7. be prepared to turn your attention to revisions after workshop discussions have ended, so as to make the most the time

Assessment: Participation and engagement credit for workshop sessions will be dependent upon ...sharing your revised draft in a timely manner, ...attending class on dedicated workshop days, ...bringing a clean hardcopy of your revised draft to class, ...preparing comments to share during workshop periods regarding the drafts of each of your classmates, ...preparing questions to ask of workshop members about your own draft, ...making the most of this time in class.

N.B. You will be expected to further revise and expand your revised draft using feedback from your peers to complete the major fragment assignment for this marking period. I have a zero indifference policy regarding academic dishonesty.