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**First Writing Assignment: Pick Your Prose**

**Objective**: Practice elements of prose so we can apply it to narrative writing within our “Words are my Weapons” unit.

**Directions**: Using the format on your handout, write a piece of prose that is at least one typed page in length. ​

* This can be about anything (school appropriate).  We will be sharing these pieces with others in class and using them to practice revision/ editing skills. ​
* Must be prose (no poetry/ verse) and your original work.   ​

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* **Due on Schoology:**   Thursday, 9/12 by 11:59 pm.  We will need these in class on Friday, 9/12.   **10 process points. ​**

**Assignment Ideas:**

* Personal Narrative:  Story in first person about an experience you had​
* Narrative in a genre:  sci-fi, fantasy, comedy, drama, historical fiction​
* A letter to yourself in the past/ future (goals, what life is like, etc.)​
* Informational or Argumentative about something you are passionate about​

**Graphic Organizer:**

What type of prose will I be writing? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is the Point-of-View? (1st, 3rd limited/ omniscient) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Who is my audience? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Beginning:**

How will I grab my reader’s attention?

How do I share background knowledge/ build my reader’s base for the paper?

**Middle:** What order will my events/ points be in?

**End**: How can I end this piece in a memorable way?