

Advanced Composition Honors

[Dramatic Writing] Summer Assignment

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Your completed summer assignment is due on the 2nd Monday we return in August (MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023). Please bring the following:

1. Read and annotated book you selected to read
2. Reflection of reading (2-3 pages)
3. Creative Piece

- I. **READ:** Select one of the texts below to read and annotate this summer. Each selection provides a unique perspective on what it means to be a writer. If you are unable to purchase a text from the list below, talk with Ms. Raines (rainesa1@fultonschools.org).
 - a. *Save the Cat* (Blake Snyder)
 - b. *Bird by Bird* (Anne Lamott)
 - c. *On Writing* (Stephen King)
 - d. *On Writing Well* (William Zinsser)
 - e. *Story: Substance, Structure, Style and the Principles of Screenwriting* (Robert McKee)
 - f. *Screenplay: The Foundations of Screenwriting* (Syd Field)

- II. **WRITE:** You will need to complete **2 pieces** of writing, prepared for the 2nd Monday of school when we return in August for workshopping and discussion. (MONDAY, AUG. 14) Both writing pieces and instructions are listed below!
 - a. Reflection of reading: 2-3 pages reflecting on the book you selected to read for the summer assignment. Consider the following questions in your reflection:
 - a. What's something new you learned from this text?
 - b. What's something you found interesting or surprising about writing?
 - c. What's a memorable or significant quote? Why did this stand out to you?
 - d. What's something you can take away and apply to your own writing?
 - e. What's something you disagreed with or found not helpful?
 - b. 1 creative piece of your choice: select an option from the list below to write your FIRST creative piece of the year.
 - a. **Personal Narrative:** Tell a story based on your own life and experiences. As a writer, it's ok to exaggerate for the purpose of storytelling. (1-2 pages, single spaced)

- b. **Short Story:** Write a fictional narrative story including characters, world, and plot of your choice (1-2 pages, single spaced)
- c. **Short Scene – Play Script:** Try your hand at playwriting! Write a 2-3 page scene for a stage play using playwriting format. (Look online for examples and formatting tips!)
- d. **Short Scene – Film or TV Script:** Try your hand at screenwriting! Write a 2-3 page scene for a movie or TV show using screenwriting format. (Look online for examples and formatting tips!)