

Setting Assignment #1

Setting "False Starts" from "Pre-writing" Activities

Your challenge: Create a two-page document with four "false starts" that establish the setting for possible fragments. Think of each as a paragraph excerpted from a short story, a paragraph in which the setting is established through engaging details. Draw from personal experience, with the goal of producing a major fragment that exemplifies realistic fiction with semi-autobiographical content this marking period.

Process:

- i. Brainstorm potential settings using each prompt.
- ii. Free write about one idea from each brainstorm.
- iii. Use the material from your free writing to draft a paragraph of setting description (one paragraph for each free writing session).

Submit four of these "false starts." 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. For each prompt, you may seek further details through observation, interviewing, and/or research.

Prompts: #1 a workplace (personal experience, family business, relative's workplace, etc.)
#2 an educational context other than high school (camps or other programs, athletic opportunities or other lessons, other extracurricular activities, elementary/middle school, etc.)
#3 visiting somewhere unfamiliar to your audience
#4 a family occasion (holiday, wedding, reunion, etc.)
Optional substitute: #5 you choose

Length guidelines: Exactly two pages using the correct format

Format guidelines: See thatwasi.com (must be double-spaced with a 12-point 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 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.