

## Assignment – Writing to Truth

Due: Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

1. Write about a specific moment in time that was meaningful to you.
2. Length: between 300 and 750 words (Note that shorter is harder). Work that is too long will be read to 750 words only. (This limit is to encourage you to pay attention to every word and how it functions in your writing).
3. This is a non-fiction prose assignment. If you have a strong preference for poetry or fiction, come talk with me. I think non-fiction provides the greatest potential for learning. You will do several drafts of this assignment and your non-fiction first draft can turn into a poem or short story during revision.
4. I encourage you to review the material you've generated this week through your notes, powerwrites, and the different exercises and see if you can connect your discoveries to a specific moment in time. You can also use any of the tools or prompts we've used thus far to find a moment that you want to explore.
5. Your MUST:
  - Focus on a specific time and place
  - Include specific people.
6. Do NOT write a summary of many times and places, because covering broad periods of time will lead you to be more abstract.
7. DO focus on one time and place. This will be more concrete, and will better demonstrate your writing skills.

Purpose:

1. To practice the skill of revising a long-term project more than once.
2. To learn to choose material according to what matters to you.
3. To develop your ability to use the elements of creative writing effectively to create a meaningful and convincing experience for a reader.

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