

CAFE NOIR BOOKSHOP

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WRITING WORKSHOP



ATTENDEE HANDOUT

This guide is designed to help you develop your writing goals, refine your story ideas, and create a structure that brings your vision to life.

BRINGING FICTIONAL & NON-FICTIONAL CHARACTERS TO LIFE

- Use Sensory Details- Engage the senses to make a scene feel real.
- Show, Don't Just Tell - Instead of stating emotions, reveal them through actions and body language.
- Capture Realistic Speech - Dialogue should sound natural but not dull—balance realism with purpose.

WRITING DYNAMIC DIALOGUE WITH SUBTEXT & EMOTION

- Make Dialogue Reveal Character - People speak differently based on background, personality, and emotions.
- Imply More Than What's Said (Subtext)
- Avoid Over-Explaining with Too Much Exposition

UNDERSTANDING TONE IN DIALOGUE

- Tone conveys emotion through word choice, punctuation, and rhythm.
- Pacing & Sentence Structure – Short, choppy sentences can create tension, while longer, flowing sentences can slow the moment for reflection.
- Strong Verbs & Specific Language – Choose words that paint a precise picture.

WRITING PROMPTS

- Write a scene where two characters are arguing, but one is hiding their true feelings.
- Describe a character entering a room using only body language and sensory details—no direct emotions.
- Recreate a real conversation that shifted your perspective, paying close attention to tone and subtext.

*Please share any specific topics or challenges you'd like to focus on in future workshops!
We'd love to know how we can support your writing journey.*