**NARRATIVE COMMON TASK**



Rough draft: Google doc, 2 pages: 10.26

Final Draft: Google doc and paper copy: 10.31  
Deadline: 11.1

**Possible Topics:**

* Review your journal entries. Is there a story you can develop based on an event or issue you have written about?
* Remember your quilt squares from our get-to-know-you activity? Some of you shared stories that would be great narratives.
* Pull out your brainstorming sheet from last week: Which five questions did you answer? Could you turn any one into a story?
* We read a story about an inanimate object coming to life to tell its story (the Civil War rifle). Can you think of an inanimate object that, given the voice, would have a lot to tell?
* Remember, your story needs to be tied to an image: Which image will you use? Do an image search on your phone or on the Internet: Maybe an image can inspire a story?

**Options:**

* Your story can be a true, non-fiction account or a fictional story with original characters you create.
* Your story might have a beginning, middle and an end, and it might not.
* Your story can be in any genre: sci-fi, historical fiction, etc.

**Tips:**

* Don’t think too hard. The story should be something you want or need to tell.
* You can choose to use one of my prompts and respond to it in a creative way if the structure helps. (My goal is to encourage and support you, not stifle you.)

**Peer Feedback:**

Select at least two peers who will provide you feedback. This might be family members, friends, classmates, etc. Two pieces of feedback are due for a grade when your final draft is submitted. Carefully select people who will take this assignment seriously and give you helpful advice on how to make your story stronger.

**Your Story Must:**

* Have an interesting hook
* Contain many specific details
* Develop imagery to help the reader experience the story
* Employ figurative language at least once
* Have an intended effect that you can identify (to inform, to explain, to entertain, to connect, to make someone laugh, to help someone feel less alone, etc.)
* Include at least one adjective phrase and one dependent clause (identify them in the margins of your final draft)
* Be at least two pages, typed, double-spaced, with a creative title
* Shared in Google docs and printed out and submitted as a paper copy