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SHOW, DON'T TELL! : EMOTIONAL IMPACT

Writing Workshop #1

Directions: With your small groups, you will be assigned an EMOTION. Using that emotion, you will create dialogue components that reflect that emotion. Consider how that emotion would be conveyed within a text WITHOUT explicitly stating that emotion (SHOW, DON'T TELL!).

SPEAKER TAGS: Your group will identify variations of “said” that could be used to convey your emotion. You need a minimum of 8.

DESCRIPTIVE SPEAKER TAGS: Your group will identify descriptive speaker tags that could be used to convey your emotion. You need a minimum of 4 adverb descriptive speaker tags and a minimum of 4 prepositional phrase descriptive speaker tags.

SNAPSHOTS: Your group will identify snapshots that could be used to convey your emotion. Think: What does this emotion look like as seen through the speaker? Think: How does the speaker react when he has this emotion? You need a minimum of 5 snapshots.

THOUGHTSHOTS: Your group will identify thoughtshots that could be used to convey your emotion. Think: What internal thoughts occur when one has this emotion? Think: What “invisible” reactions does this emotion produce? You need a minimum of 5 thoughtshots.

SPEAKER TAGS	DESCRIPTIVE SPEAKER TAGS
EMOTION	
SNAPSHOTS	THOUGHTSHOTS

