**Notes on language and style and LIST MAKING**

Styles and Voice = https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXWISYZflpE

-Describing who you are as a person, where you come from and therefor what VOICE do you have as a writer.

\*Note: This is a brainstorm and you will continue to add to this list as you begin to identify your voice within your writing style.

Make a list of min. 3 items and try to get to 5 if possible for each category. Keep coming back to it as you think of new ideas for your list.

**a) Moments that Matter?**

-wedding day

-Seeing a gorilla in the jungle

-Graduating from Education and never having to go back to school again.

-Buying my first car and having FREEDOM

-When my good friend died in a car accident

-Being chosen as the captain of my soccer team

-Catching my first master angler fish

-Finding out that my wife was pregnant

**b) Moments of Fear**

* Singing a Boys to Men song in front of my high school for a talent show
* Playing my first competitive hockey game after not playing for 6 years
* Moving to Kuwait and leaving my friends and family
* My first interview as a teacher

**c) 3-5 Words that Describe ME:**

1. Determined

2. Creative

3. Shy

**d) 5-10 passions**

1. Playing competitive sports
2. Reading non-fiction about athletes, rock stars and crime
3. Playing guitar
4. Fishing for Muskie at my cabin
5. Coaching Soccer

**e) How would my best friends describe me?**

1. Loud
2. Positive
3. Competitive
4. Combative
5. Overactive
6. Controversial topics that make you angry?
7. People you respect in the world?
8. Things you hate about the society we live in? (school, work, competition etc.)

I) A list of list you want and things you need? 3-5 of each

J) 3-5 things you would do or take before rushing out of your burning house?

K) 3 events that you can remember in your life that brought you pure joy and happiness?

L) 3 events where you witnessed pure joy and happiness in somebody else’s life.

M) 3 places in your life you consider “happy places” or that in general make you feel at peace or in the moment.

N) 3 moments where you felt empowered and pride for who you are or what you accomplished as a person?

O) If you on had 3 days left to live what would you do?

“One Story Among a Thousand”

Style and Voice

1. Who is speaking (perspective)? How do you know? I think the character Bill is telling the story because… others are speaking to Bill in dialogue and he is often speaking in the first person.
2. What stylistic techniques is the author using to capture our attention? One stylistic technique being used appears to be… a time-line. It feels like it is happening in real time and even feel likes the rhythm of a heartbeat. This makes me feel like I am in the moment with the character.
3. What is an example of descriptive language used to paint a picture in the readers mind? What sensory details are being used to do that (Use a quote)?ne example of descriptive writing is the sense of smell when the author says, “The smell was horrible...smells of metal, of jet fuel…” (p 27) This description makes me see and smell what it must have been like i

Preview the Writing Task

Central Idea = A story about courage and how people react different when they are scared.

Form = Short Story: Maybe based on true events.

Purpose = To teach others it is ok to react in your own way to a scary situation.

Public Audience = People interested in the events of 911 or that have gone through trauma.