

## Narrative Craft Mnemonics

*It's recommended that classes create their own mnemonics as a team, but if you like, these can be a launch.*

### **DRESS up your Leads**

Dialogue

Rich setting

Sound

Surprise

### **DRAW Your Details!**

Don't put too many adj/adv

Right-on nouns/verbs

Awaken senses

Weave in figurative language

### **EVENTS should have tension!**

Enemy forces

Vital feeling /deadline

Energetic verb/sentence/dialogue

New discovery vs withhold info

Take turns with still/happy times

### **Close it up Right!**

Clue/info revealed

Last twist

Objective achieved

Surprise

Encircle back

### **At the end, the character FEELS!**

Feeling/emotion

Eager desire/wonder

Evolution/growth

Lingering memory

Surprising insight/lesson

### **Revealing character responses/feelings, without telling.**

My face burned and I could feel it was bright red.

My hands began to feel moist and my heart beat faster.

My heart beat so loudly, you could hear it a mile away.

Ahhhhhh

Narrator inner dialogue shows: I wish this would stop

My heart stopped

My gut is in my throat

a tear trickled down his shabby face

oh this is the life for me

good luck – kindness

time to go home, he said wearily

*Non – examples*

made to feel common place