



ENG 1141

Creative Writing

Objectives

Discuss plot by dissecting Anonymous' work

Prepare to write Memoir 2

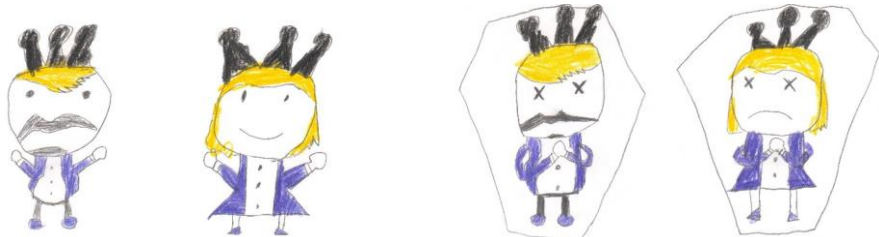
Autobiographies are always written as if the author had it all mapped out with perfect foresight, ignoring the risks and uncertainties at that time. This misleads, as much as those beautiful photographs of a past holiday abstract from the heat, the mosquitoes, and the lack of connectivity.

— Raghuram G. Rajan

We've been reading memoirs.

How are they NOT like autobiographies?





The novelist E. M. Forster famously said the following is a story:

“The king died and then the queen died.”

And the following is a plot:

“The king died, and then the queen died of grief.”



What does this tell us about the definition of plot?

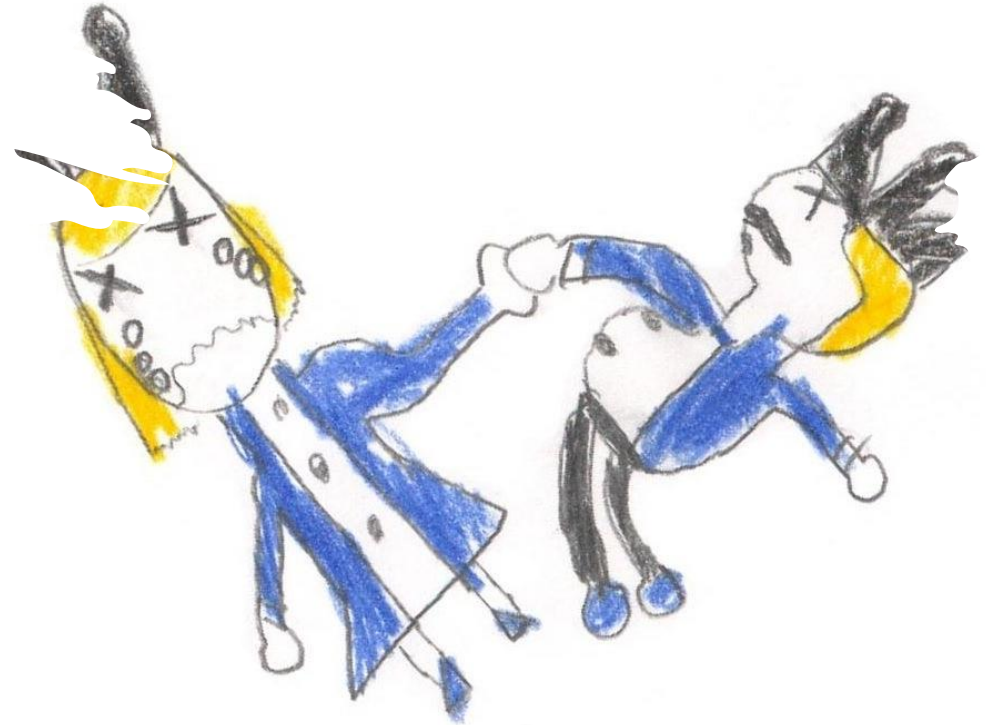
The Elements of Plot

Go to

https://longreads.com/2020/01/15/what-ever-happened-to-____/

Go to Course Profiles > Files > ENG1141
Handouts > [ENG1141 Plot Worksheet](#)

For the next 15 minutes, answer the questions on the worksheet individually. Be ready to share your answers in small groups!



Homework

- Journal Assignment 2: Write about a time you've felt you were anonymous (either by choice or not). Post it under Journals and title it: Your Full Name, Journal 2. ***Due at 11:59 PM on Wednesday, February 24.***
- Bring a NEW memoir piece (you can use either Journal 1 or 2 or anything you've written that would be considered a memoir) for your Cohort to respond to. ***Before class on Thursday, February 25, post it under Memoir and title it: Your Full Name, Memoir 2.***
- If you don't want to use the journals you've written, go to <https://thewritepractice.com/memoir-writing-prompts/> for other ideas for memoir writing.
- One more thing...



Quick Note on Workshopping

We're going to chat about this next class, but...

- Do not skip this session!
- If you miss a class when writing is workshopped, you must contact your Cohort right away and send them the link to your piece, as well as ask for links to their pieces.
- This is YOUR responsibility!
- We'll talk more about workshopping on Thursday. 😊

