



2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

Note #1 Word and Writing Challenges: write in any genre, any style up to approximately 750 words. Stretch the imagination!

Note #2 Any book slated for review can usually be had for free from a library or library loan system.

Note #3 Unless otherwise specified, all Writing Challenges are to be submitted at the meeting in which they are listed.

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January 15	<p>Mini Workshop & Presentation: How to write a bio (covers bios suitable for bylines, book jackets, websites, social media, query letters, etc. —See "Other" column</p>	<p>Movie, TV, & Storytelling (review)</p>	<p>10 Words: affection purple weep cavort education weary glassy pack shift utmost</p>	<p>"Exotic Pet" — You have an exotic pet. What is it and what do your family, friends, or neighbors think of it? Share it today.</p>	<p>★ To be submitted next month: your one-sentence bio and your one paragraph bio.</p>
February 19	<p>Book Review SAVE THE CAT by Blake Snyder (book Review)</p>	<p>★ Submit your bios from last month's workshop for feedback and discussion today.</p> <p>Movie, TV, & Storytelling (review)</p>	<p>8 Words: turban eyeglasses gunk umbrella pudgy glassblower scale doggy</p>	<p>"FBI" (Taken from SAVE THE CAT) — Name up to 5 places an FBI agent in the movies has never been sent to solve a crime. Pick one and write a log line for it. Share it today.</p>	

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March 19 IN PERSON MEETING AT THE LIBRARY OR VIA ZOOM	Mini Workshop & Presentation: Monochrome Writing —common mistakes new writers make	Movie, TV, & Storytelling (review)	BIG WORDS: xenophobia plenipotentiary nematode judicature fraudulence deliquescent	"Sprite" — Describe through the POV-Viewpoint of a character what they see, feel, smell, touch, etc. when they walk into a Leprechaun's home. Share it today.	
April 16 National Poetry Month	Book Review — <i>A Poetry Handbook</i> by Mary Oliver	Movie, TV, & Storytelling (review)	12 Words: down putty unwelcome turnup deny gritty fallen global ceil black frypan bloody	"Poetically" — Look through at least 10 pages (approx. 2500 words) of your writing and find one or more examples where you used the following and share them today. <i>allegory</i> <i>allusion</i> <i>alliteration</i> <i>metaphor</i> <i>simile</i> <i>onomatopoeia</i>	
May 21 (Pennwriters Annual Conference, Lancaster PA)	Mini Workshop & Presentation: Techniques to achieving tension, suspense, urgency, and curiosity	Movie, TV, & Storytelling (review)	7 Words of Color: pinkness colorless olive sienna strawberry (not the fruit) woad terracotta	"In a Hurry" — Write about a character in a hurry/ Why are they rushing about? Where are they going? What happens if they are late? Use one or more of the techniques learned today.	★ Turn in your "In a Hurry" Writing Challenge next month.

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June 18	<p><u>Book Review</u> GOAL, MOTIVATION & CONFLICT by Debra Dixon</p>	<p>★ Submit your "In a Hurry" challenge from last month for feedback and discussion today.</p> <p>Movie, TV, & Storytelling (review)</p>	<p>7 Words: medieval mechanical fork inky goop huge finesse</p>	<p>"GM&C" — Having read the book, write out the goal, motivation, and conflict for your protagonist and antagonist. Share it today.</p>	
July 16	<p>Mini Workshop & Presentation:</p> <p>Shortcuts to discovering core values of major story characters</p>	<p>Movie, TV, & Storytelling (review)</p>	<p>10 Words: affection purple weft education weary cavort pickled shifted utmost packrat</p>	<p>"Names" — What's buried in your subconscious when it comes to names? Look at each of the names below and write down the first thing that pops into your head about them.</p> <p>Jeffery Mary John Edward Jane Felix Enos</p> <p>Now look up their name meanings. What conclusion can you draw from your first impressions and the meanings?</p> <p>Do the same for two of the characters in your fiction or nonfiction work</p>	<p>★ Turn in your "Names" writing challenge next month.</p>

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August 20	<p><u>Book Review</u> THE FIRST 5 PAGES by Noah Lukeman</p>	<p>✦ Submit your "Names" challenge from last month's workshop for feedback and discussion today</p> <p>Movie, TV, & Storytelling (review)</p>	<p>12 Words: afternoon gray pride cedilla wryly singe plotted shuffleboard circuit timely use yearly</p>	<p>"First Page" — Submit the first page of the original draft of one of your works, then submit the ruthlessly self-edited version that you think is the final copy for review and feedback. Share it today.</p>	
September 17	<p><u>Book Review</u> 20 MASTER PLOTS by Ronald B. Tobias</p>	<p>Movie, TV, & Storytelling (review)</p>	<p>7 Words: animadversions wool calico brand dethrone piggery can't</p>	<p>"Plot Pattern" — Take one of your stories and examine it for what plot pattern it falls into. If it doesn't fall decisively into a plot pattern, why is that and what do you plan to do about it? Share it today.</p>	
October 15	<p><u>Mini Workshop & Presentation:</u> How to know before you write a draft if you have a story tht you can finish or complete (thus preventing dead-ending stories or going off on a tangent)</p>	<p>Movie, TV, & Storytelling (review)</p>	<p>6 Words: chuckles effusive blink staid forgotten anecdotal</p>	<p>"Dead-ends" — How many dead-end stories have you written? What intrigued you the most at the onset of the idea? Why did you stop writing the story? Share it today.</p>	

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November 19 IN PERSON MEETING AT THE LIBRARY OR VIA ZOOM	<u>Book Review</u> THE HANDBOOK OF MAGAZINE ARTICLE WRITING 2 nd edition by Michelle Ruberg (A Writer's Digest Book)	Movie, TV, & Storytelling (review)	9 Words: green butter corny candied boiled pumpkins bedazzled braided ground	"Write an Article" — Write an article that you can submit to <i>The Penn Writer</i> (check their guidelines for length).	★ Submit your "Write an Article" for feedback next month.
December 17	Entering a writing contest do's and don'ts, tips, and practical advice	★ Submit your "Write an Article" challenge from last month's workshop for feedback and discussion today Movie, TV, & Storytelling (review)	7 Words: elves brewmaster workshop cookies error glaze coverup	"Holiday Greetings" — Write a Christmas poem or note or create a holiday greeting that you post to all the members. Feel free to create memes's using Canva or other graphic design or publishing tools, programs, or websites. If you do use artwork be sure they are royalty free images). Share it today.	