



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Writing Dialogue

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1. How does dialogue reveal the complexities of a character's background and inner thoughts?
2. Why is it important for dialogues to advance the plot rather than just fill space?
3. Can you provide an example of how dialogue establishes the story's time and setting?
4. How does dialogue contribute to breaking monotony in storytelling?
5. What is the role of flashbacks in dialogue, and how can they be effectively incorporated?
6. Why is written dialogue crafted to be more intelligent and metaphorical than real speech?
7. How can eliminating unnecessary pleasantries enhance dialogue?
8. Why is "said" often the best choice for an attribution tag, and how can overusing creative tags detract from dialogue?
9. Discuss how dialect and slang should be used in dialogue without becoming overwhelming or distracting.
10. What is subtext in dialogue, and why is it crucial for adding depth to character interactions?