



Review Discussion Questions

This is NOT a test.

1. What are three things needed for a great beginning for the story?
2. As it applies to story beginning, comment on the following:

Conflicted characters are interesting.

They came from somewhere and are going somewhere.
3. Discuss the following:

Show don't tell is essentially evocation.

Give an example of an evocative way of saying: "It was raining."
4. What is the fourth wall?

Why is it important to writers?
5. Despite the importance of evocation in fiction, it's also sometimes preferable to tell a story rather than to show it. Give some examples.
6. What are some reasons (and examples) for avoiding the use of adverbs?
7. Certain narrative structures can only do certain things. Describe the type of story that is best told by each of the following narrative structures.
 - A. Linear narrative
 - B. Circular narrative
 - C. Frame narrative
8. Why is it important to determine the **point of view** before you start writing your story?

9. Describe and discuss one advantage and one disadvantage of writing a story in first person point of view.

10. "I saw this, I did that" illustrates First-person POV and "He saw this, he did that illustrates Third person POV." How can you illustrate the Omniscient POV?

11. Briefly discuss plot structure.

12. Discuss how the **WHERE** and **WHEN** of the **five W's** may differ from conventional news-story journalism when writing a fictional story.