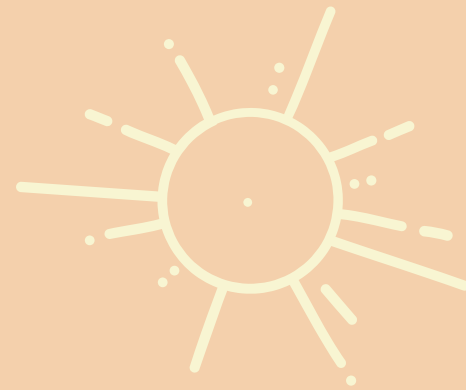


The art & beauty of revision

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Agenda



- Center
- Revision mindset
- Checklist
- Workshop





Background

TRADITIONAL REVISION

Can be a response to criticism

Can be confusing (hire right!)

May reinforce feelings of inadequacy in certain areas or

provide a false sense of ego

May evoke defensiveness or feel like too much work (daunting)

ONE THING AT A TIME

Identify one thing you personally feel would improve your own writing.

Write down "I want to get better at _____."



On Revision

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1



Take your reader
by the hand.

2



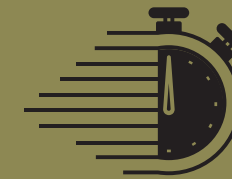
Where is your writing
over/underbaked?
How can you tell?

3



Examine transitions (how you
navigate time and space). What
opportunities do they offer?

4



Are you beginning at the
beginning and ending at the
end?

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Take your reader by the hand.

Read as though you are reading some other writer's work. Read as though you picked this book or story up in the bookstore, and you're in a hurry. Read like you are not you.

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2



Set your oven timer.

Overbaked = showing off, trying too hard

Underbaked = impatient writing, moving the reader haphazardly
through time

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3



Moving time and space.

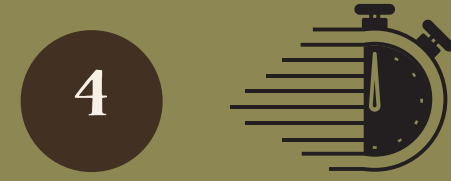
Paragraph breaks

Introductory clauses

Use of an object or recurring
reference to move time

What are you purposefully leaving out?

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Begin and End

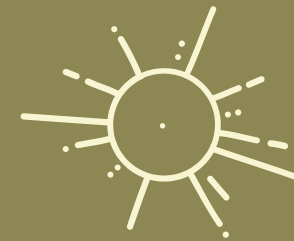
Do you write toward an opening?
What is the final scene/image/idea?

NUTS & BOLTS

- Modifiers
- Wordiness
- Precision
- Knowing who to listen to
- Time and space
- Forgetting it's you



Exercise



INDIVIDUALLY

Identify what you need to work on the most. Put it in the chat.

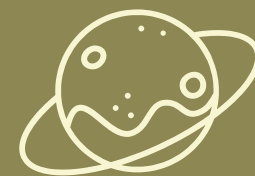


WITH A PARTNER

Writer #1 Describes the potential of the piece, maybe reads some of it.

Writer #2 offers feedback and suggestions that are specific.

Writer #1 does not rush home and change everything; rather, they make notes and allow time to pass before making changes.



AT HOME

Look at the nuts and bolts
Show the life-changing realization.