Powers

English

Per. 7

Mon. 12/4/17

**Short story writing guidelines:**

* Limit the timeline of the story to less than 2 hours. This makes the transitions easier
* Story could be about a person needing to make a decision
* Setting – one scene
* Point of View – have a single (one person’s) point of view
* Limit the story to 2 or 3 characters

Read “*Thank You, M’am*” by Langston Hughes

* The story lasts maybe 2 hours.
* It has only two scenes – on the street and in her apartment.
* The point of view of the story is that of the young boy. The story is told in 3rd person, but we know it’s his story (Third person limited). The woman tells us exactly what she thinks, but we have to infer some of what the boy thinks.

Activity:

Brainstorm 5 things that you have read about in the paper, or heard about that could be turned into a short story

Homework:

#9 spend 15 minutes adding to your story ideas, beginning a draft of one of the ideas, or working on another story draft.