**Narrative Writing Exercise:**

1. Begin writing a story individually. Write only a description of the **setting** of this story – where and when does it take place? Set the scene with as vivid and detailed a description as you can. You have **3 minutes** to write, then you will pass your paper to the person to your right.
2. Read what has been written so far and then add to it. Introduce the main **characters.** Who are they? What do they do? What do they look like? What else do you know about them? Anything you can tell us about these characters is helpful. You have **4 minutes** to write, then pass the paper to the right again.
3. Read what has been written so far and add to the story by describing the **problem** the characters must solve. You have **4 minutes** to write, then pass the paper to the right once more.
4. Add on to the story by **complicating the problem**. No matter what the problem is or how bad the situation is – make is worse. You have **5 minutes** on this aspect of the story, then pass to the right one last time.
5. **Resolve** the story. Write the ending. What happens? How does it all work out? You have **5 minutes** to wrap it all up.
6. When your group is done, try to find a more secluded location to read the various stories aloud to your group.