

Assigned Journal Entry 229, F20

Working with Sophie K's Fiction Project Draft: Building Situation, Plot, and Setting Around Character (aprx. Nov. 1st)

Read Sophie K's Fiction Project first draft below. Who is the main character in Sophie's story and what would "aggravate" or challenge her? We definitely get some clues about her in this opening. What do you think? What is she all about, and—for this journal entry— **what focused setting and plot could we set her down into, something that would be rich with possibilities, based on who she is?**

Let's help Sophie imagine possibilities, but also many of you can be thinking about how your own overly general story beginning can be focused for a short story.

In your journal, describe a situation, one to three scenes, that would be this story. What happens, and how is the main character tested or challenged as a distinct person?

Aim in your response for one to two well-developed paragraphs. (Sophie: I'd like you to do this too!)

Provide a header for this journal entry: Working with Sophie K's Fiction Project Draft

Sophie K

Sydney.... real or misunderstood

Once upon a time in a brisk, microscopic town lived a small girl named Sydney. She wasn't however like other children, she was extraordinary. No matter how hard others around her tried to understand her, they simply couldn't. Sydney's hair was as bright as a red fire truck, she wore the same outfit every day. This included one of her fathers, floral Hawaiian shirts and a skirt, much too small for her. Sydney was misunderstood her entire life by her family, friends, teachers, and therapists. When she was little, she had three imaginary friends that "understood" her. James was a young boy who wore footy pajamas and glasses so big that any god would be able to see through them. Betsy was a teenage girl who acted as an older sister to Sydney. She wore a torn droopy shirt and dusty jeans with combat boot, holes in the bottom of both. Now both of these imaginary friends grew old and passed when Sydney began to sprout. Rachel, her third imaginary friend and although mentioned last one of the most influential to Sydney. Rachel wasn't a regular imaginary friend that went away after Sydney grew up. She stayed by her side, she was the angel and devil on Sydney's shoulders.

- Imaginary friends – more detail
- Get into family life
- Background of Sydney

- BIG event occurs – trying to figure out in detail
 - Climax occurs
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