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**SYLLABUS**

**Course Description:**

In this individual study, the student will work one-on-one with a mentor to develop a half-hour, television series, show bible, focusing on image, structure, syntax, diction, voice, tone, style, figurative language, point of view, characterization, and plot. The student will submit monthly portfolios of work to the mentor for comments and will revise in response to those suggestions. Additionally, the student will read relevant books and bibles, and write analysis papers. The mentor will provide feedback during the semester and write an end-of-course evaluation.

**Learning Outcomes:**

1. Demonstrate mastery of structure and form in their chosen genre.
2. Demonstrate mastery of style, including diction, syntax and tone.
3. Demonstrate mastery of image in concrete description and figurative language.
4. Demonstrate mastery of character, point of view and voice.
5. Demonstrate the ability to prepare and submit their work for publication.

**Grading Criteria:**

* Beginning grabs reader’s interest.
* Descriptive in setting and characters.
* Emotions are conveyed through concrete images.
* Good balance of showing and telling.
* Intriguing and innovative plot.
* Effective chronology and structure.
* Point of view is consistent and effective.
* Narrator sounds authentic.
* Dialogue is realistic and moves plot forward.
* Characters are deep and complex.
* Ending is rewarding and believable, but not predictable.

 **Packet Assignment Grade Due**

Packet 1 Write book analysis. (5 Pages) 20% 2/1

Packet 2 Write bible analysis. (5 Pages) 20% 3/1

Packet 3 Write show bible. (20 Pages) 40% 4/1

Packet 4 Write show concepts. (5 Pages) 20% 5/1

**COURSE**

Course Focus: Writing the Television Series Show Bible

Course Dates: January 8 – May 5

Course Grade: Pass or Fail (Below 70% is deemed Fail)

**PROJECT**

1. I’M FINE – A television show bible for a 30-minute comedy.

**READING**

 **Books**

1. SAVE THE CAT! WRITES FOR TV – Jamie Nash

**Bible**

1. DIRK GENTLEY – Max Landis

**MEETINGS**

 Meetings with instructor may take place as needed via ZOOM:

 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86261042218?pwd=bmRDOHdvRUpPSkt1WW1NYWgrY3U3QT09>

 Meeting ID: 862 6104 2218 / Passcode: 279858

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