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**Writing Flash Fiction**

The story starts after the student was declared to have absolute power and implemented new rules.

Writing flash fiction is a little different from writing a novel or a short story. You don’t have start at the very beginning and you don’t have to have a neatly wrapped-up ending. Flash fiction starts wherever the author wishes to start and ends where the author wishes to end.

For this story, you can start where you want to (no wrong answers here). This is all about being creative!

Use this example as a guide, but don’t think it’s exactly what you have to write. Just be yourself and write what comes to mind.

Flash fiction guidelines:

1. Start in the middle of the action
2. Keep detail to a minimum
3. Focus on a single moment in your characters life
4. End the story before the conclusion (of the whole story) or present a twist ending

The details are minimal. They just tell us that the students face the back of the room, not what the room looks like or how many students there are.

For example:

“It didn’t make sense, but it was happening anyway. The student with absolute power had decided that everyone had to face the back of the room. Only the student with absolute power could look directly at the teacher. Our desks were all turned to face the back of the room now, and it was impossible to really learn anything. My grades were dropping and there was nothing that I could do because the words of the student with absolute power were law. A couple of us students talked about finding ways to turn around without getting in trouble. I got tired of talking about it one day and just turned my desk around when the math teacher was writing examples on the board. I get to sit facing whatever direction I want now because I’m the only one in here. I’m in eternal student detention. I put a mark on the wall for every day that I’m here. So far there are 769 marks. There might be someone in the room next to me. I hear keep hearing noises that weren’t there yesterday.”