**Company MEMO – ATTN: ALL CREATORS**

On Monday or Tuesday, your group will meet with **Mr. Feldkamp** during a 10-minute window to discuss your character and your Origin Story. To prepare for this meeting, consider the following:

**How does your story look?** One chunk? Long, uninviting paragraphs? Long first paragraph? Avoid. All. Of. These. Instead, make it “airy.” Give your words some space to breathe, and the eyes of your readers a reason to continue. Every new idea… change paragraphs! Every new speaker (dialogue)… change paragraphs! Make “the look” of your story inviting and appealing.

**How does your story read?** Like an essay? Are you “telling” rather than showing? Is it wordy? Avoid! Use concise language. Use strong verbs. Focus on **imagery** and **purposeful description**. Let action and dialogue forward the story. Use **figurative language**. Remember: you’re telling a STORY… not writing an essay.

**Have you breathed life into your character?** A wise human once said, “All narration is about POWER.” As a writer, you have the power of a god… to create, construct, control, manipulate, and… destroy. Worlds, solar systems, cities, villages, civilizations… these are waiting to be created. Use your powers wisely.

**Is your dialogue purposeful?** Dialogue is an essential part of effective story telling. It’s how you “breathe life” into your characters. Think about it, comic books and graphic novels are dialogue-driven. **Give your characters voice to discover who they are in the world you’ve created.** Does your use of dialogue further the story? Great! Or is it just there because it was required? Bad! Is your ONLY dialogue a character thinking or talking to him/herself? This is only BAD if it’s your ONLY dialogue. Remember to make a new paragraph with each new speaker (see above).

**Does your story have a PLOT?** Characters have to face a conflict? What’s your conflict? Is it interesting, unique?

**What to do BEFORE our meeting:**

* Work on story revision with attention to EVERYTHING above

**What to bring to our meeting:**

* **All** of your group members
* **A REVISED version of your story on flash drive or saved to Mr. Feldkamp’s Group Work Folder**
* **At least ONE laptop with the story open and accessible.**
* An open mind

**Group #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Meeting Time: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Meeting Location: \_\_Mr. Feldkamp’s room\_\_** *Be on time, and be prepared.*