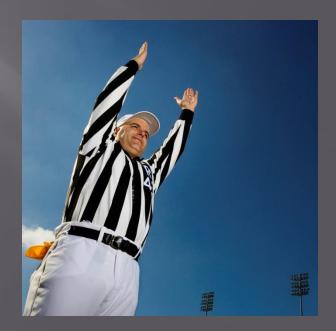
"CHAPTER 1: TOUCHDOWN"

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SUMMARY

Briefing



•High school lineman

•Developed Work Ethic and Attitude

•Hazed freshman

•Stereotypical party life

Responsible Marine squad leader
Arrives in 'Stan on a C-130
Mission Reveals Exposes Culture/Situation
Doing something "worthwhile"



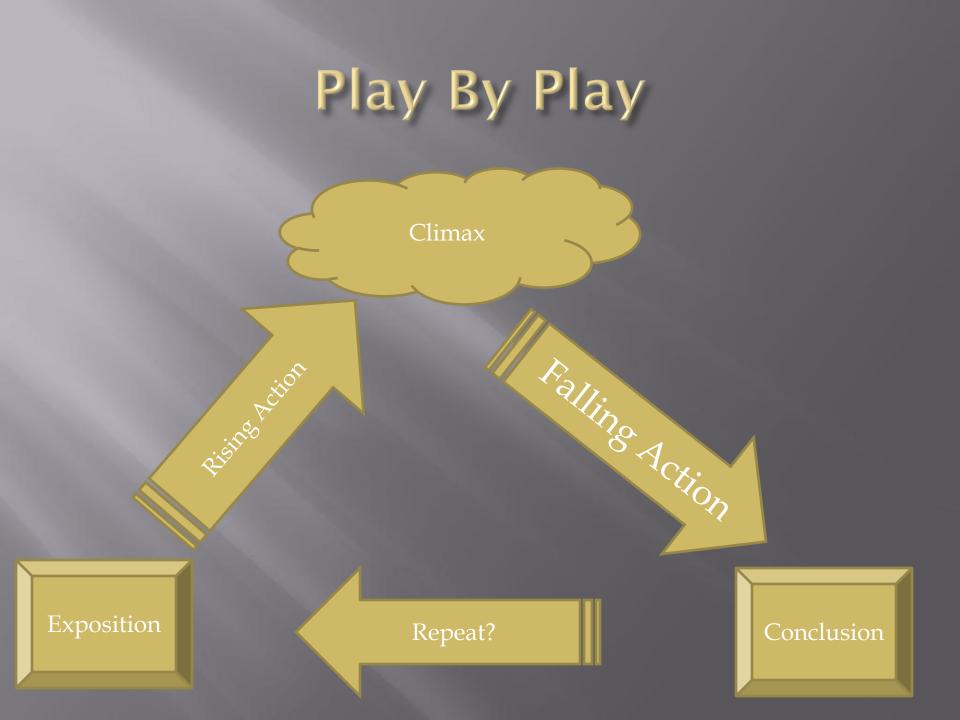
Characters

Major Andrew Belet the Teenager Marine Cpl. Andrew Belet

Minor Tommy Girlfriend(s) Wife Members of Cpl. Belet's Unit



"Teamwork"



ANALYSIS

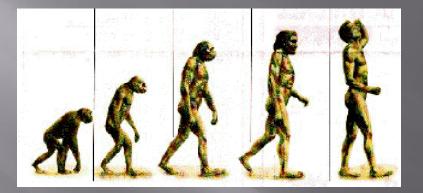
Theme

Life is all about perspective Taken for "Granted" Absolutes/Generalizations





CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT



Caveman Interview



Audience (Cause it's all about you)

FOR

NOT NECESSARILY FOR

- Americans
- Students/Graduates
- "That Guy"
- People Who Knew "That Guy"

Veterans/Military

Rhetoric Technique's

• Logos

- Quitting/Smoking
- **Kairos**
 - Timeless high school lifestyle
 - Deployed to "'Stan"
- Ethos
 - Stereotypes
 - Character Development
- Pathos
 - Teenager Thrills
 - Afghan's Welcoming



Philosophical



Reputations

Weakest to Strongest

REVISION

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

STRENGTHS/SUSTAINS

- Perspective Theme
- Flashbacks
- Overall Content
- Sets up Next Chapter Well
- Rhetorical Techniques

IMPROVEMENT AREAS

- Detailed Explanations
- Not a true stand-alone chapter
- Dialogue/Characters

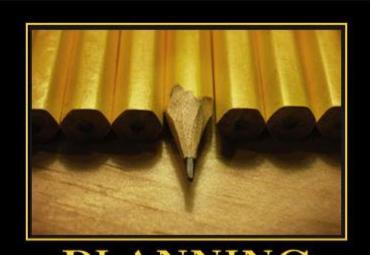
Revision Checklist

Purpose

- Perspective
 - High School/Deployment Analogy links author to audience
- Structure
 - Alternating flashbacks
 - Enhance reader interest
 - Causes some rough transitions

Development

- Large time gap
- Contrasting perspectives show development has occurred



Much Work Remains to be Done before We Can Announce Our Total Failure to Make Any Progress.

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Checklist Continued



Tone

- Language sets mood
 - Can be ineffective or lead to tangents

Unity

- Storylines compliment each other
- Title, Intro, Ending
 - "Touchdown" double meaning
 - Action packed intro contrasts calm ending

RESPONSE

Overall Value

Perspective
Changes
Influences
Relevance

Perspective Power

Write, Edit/Revise, Repeat

The method is as important as the message
 Details
 Diction



The Final Outcome?



 We are the ideal medium for the author/audience
 Our "perspective" could be invaluable

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