Week 9

Writing Prompts and Tips

- Monday:
  - <u>Prompt:</u> One of the symbols for Memorial Day is a red poppy. These are strong flowers (technically weeds) that are able to grow in harsh landscapes. If you had to pick a symbol to represent yourself right now, what would you choose?
  - *Tip*: *List some of your defining traits. Choose one that you would like to highlight. What other objects display these same characteristics?*

- Tuesday:
  - <u>Prompt:</u> Describe a perfect bite of your favorite meal.
  - *Tip*: *Start by creating a list of golden details--ones only you could think of, which make your subject unforgettable. For example, in* Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, *JK Rowling describes Hagrid as,* "simply too big to be allowed, and so wild--long tangles of bushy black hair and beard hid most of his face, he had hands the size of trash can lids, and his feet in their leather boots were like baby dolphins."

- Wednesday:
  - <u>Prompt:</u> Think of something you do--or a place you visit--often, such as playing an instrument. When was the last time you participated in that activity? Now try to remember the first time. What has changed, and what lesson(s) did you learn?
  - *Tip*: *You could do this same thinking about a fictional character you are writing (or reading) about in order to give them more depth.*

- Thursday:
  - <u>Prompt:</u> Write a story titled "The Dog Who Could Not Bark."
  - *Tip*: *Think off the page about the dog's backstory. Was the dog born this way, or did something happen? You do not have to include this information in your story, but if you know a character well you will better understand what they might say or do.*

- Friday:
  - <u>Prompt:</u> Write a counternarrative. Think about a time something did not go the way you wanted. (Maybe it was an interaction with another person.) Rewrite the story the way you *wish* it had gone.
  - *Tip*: *Find the turning point; where exactly did things start to go sideways? Change this moment and predict how everything that came after it could have been different, too.*