

## Short Story

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### Honors English III

Lou Reed wrote, “There's a bit of magic in everything, and some loss to even things out.” One of the most challenging subjects for any writer to address is the idea of loss, particularly in a place where loss is unexpected. This assignment will challenge you to write about a seeming contradiction—something painful in a place that you have identified as a sanctuary, or a place of comfort. This tension may be difficult to grasp at first, but should provide fertile ground for an interesting story.

Write a 3-5 page short story about something tragic, something horrible, or something unimaginable happening and the reaction of at least one character to that turn of events. Loss can be small-scale or large, so don't limit yourself to maudlin, exaggerated events.

The story should be fictional—not a personal narrative of a past event—but feel free to delve into your experience and knowledge. The best writing often comes from our own personal knowledge and experience.

We will workshop the pieces in class, so write about something you feel comfortable sharing with the class. The format, structure, and resolution of the story are up to you.

#### **Dates:**

- First Draft Due: Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>
- Final Date: TBA