Kate MC Caffrey’s Creative Writing Take-away Menu

# Inspiration

Record events that are intriguing: the News, Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, Magazines, television documentaries

# Voice and P.O.V.

Create an authentic and believable ‘voice’ for your story. This is constructed through: word choice, syntax, imagery and figures of speech, punctuation and dialogue (avoid unnecessary dialogue)

# Basic Rules

Over writing is horrible to read. By giving everything a colour you are not creating imagery.

Allow for gaps and silences- don’t reveal the entire story in the opening sentence.

You cannot kill a first person narrator.

An ending to a story can never be: it was all a dream

Or, to be continued

# Learn a topic or two

Research a topic of interest, have facts and statistics, you can use this information to write an interpretive, persuasive, or even a narrative text: Gun Control, #metoomovement, toxic masculinity, Environment/Sustainability/War on Waste, Teenage suicide/bullying