## The Fabulous Five [The Writing Process]

Developed with Dr. Rosalind M. Flynn by Teachers attending The Peace Center for the Performing Arts, Greenville, SC Summer Teacher Institute 2005

- 1 In any state,
- 2 in any city,
- 3 in any classroom,
- 4 anywhere,
- 5 sits a bewildered and troubled student facing yet another
- All <u>Dreaded Writing Prompt</u> [sigh or groan]
- 2 Yet all is not lost. There is a team of super writing heroes—
- All The Fabulous Five [gesture and sound effect]
- 1 Brainstormer [point to head]
- 2 Rough Draft [gravely voice and fists]
- 3 Revision Girl [tosses over shoulder]
- 4 The Editor [looks in magnifying glass]
- 5 The Publisher [hand stamping motion]
- 6 What am I going to do? What am I going to write about? Gloom, despair, and agony on me!
- All You need to call the Fabulous Five! [gesture and sound effect]
- All Brainstormer [point to head]
  Rough Draft [gravely voice and fists]
  Revision Girl [tosses over shoulder]
  The Editor [looks in magnifying glass]
  The Publisher [hand stamping motion]
- 6 But how do I start?
- First thing you do is call the Brainstormer![gesture]
- 6 Is that what my teacher calls pre-writing?
- 2 You got it.
- 3 Jot down your ideas.
- 4 Make a Web.
- 5 Talk to a friend.
- 1 Be creative.
- 6 But what next?
- 2 Next, you need Rough Draft

- 6 Rough Draft? Sounds scary.
- 3 He's just a part of The Fabulous Five [gesture] [sound effect]
- All Brainstormer [point to head]
  Rough Draft [gravely voice and fists]
  Revision Girl [tosses over shoulder]
  The Editor [looks in magnifying glass]
  - The Publisher [hand stamping motion]
- 6 How will Rough Draft help me?
- 4 It's your sloppy copy.
- 5 It's not perfect, but
- All it's a start.
- 21 Just getting your ideas into sentences and paragraphs
- 6 Am I finished?
- All No, Kimosabe.
- Now it's time to bring in Revision Girl, the next member of The Fabulous Five [gesture] [sound effect] —
- All Brainstormer [point to head]
  Rough Draft [gravely voice and fists]
  Revision Girl [tosses over shoulder]
  The Editor [looks in magnifying glass]
  The Publisher [stamping motion]
- 4 She'll help you take your paper to the next level.
- 5 Add details and adjectives.
- 1 Improve vocabulary.
- 6 How?
- 2 Use a thesaurus.
- 3 Add color with figurative language.
- 4 Read your draft to a friend.
- 5 Rid yourself of unnecessary details.

- 6 Now am I done?
- All No way, Jose.
- 1 You still need The Editor, an important member of
- All The Fabulous Five [gesture] [sound effect]—
- All Brainstormer [point to head]
  Rough Draft [gravely voice and fists]
  Revision Girl [tosses over shoulder]
  The Editor [looks in magnifying glass]
  The Publisher [stamping motion]
- 6 What's his deal?
- 2 He checks punctuation.
- 3 He'll help you find those misspelled words.
- All Dot your I's and cross your T's! [gesture]
- 4 He'll help you!
- 6 So I've got to be done now!
- All Chill Bill! You've still got one step to go.
- 5 Call in the Big P—The Publisher—the final member of the Fabulous Five [gesture] [sound effect] —
- All Brainstormer [point to head]
  Rough Draft [gravely voice and fists]
  Revision Girl [tosses over shoulder]
  The Editor [looks in magnifying glass]
  The Publisher [stamping motion]
- 1 He'll help you write your project in ink.
- 2 Or type it on your PC.
- 3 And then you turn it in!
- All And don't forget to put your name on it!
- 6 Now I'm done!
- 1 Yes.
- 2 Always remember—
- 3 when you write,
- 4 call on

- 5 The Fabulous Five [gesture] [sound effect]—
- 1 Brainstormer [point to head]
- 2 Rough Draft [gravely voice and fists]
- 3 Revision Girl [tosses over shoulder]
- 4 The Editor [looks in magnifying glass]
- 5 The Publisher [stamping motion]
- All The Fabulous Five [gesture] [sound effect]—it's the writing proces