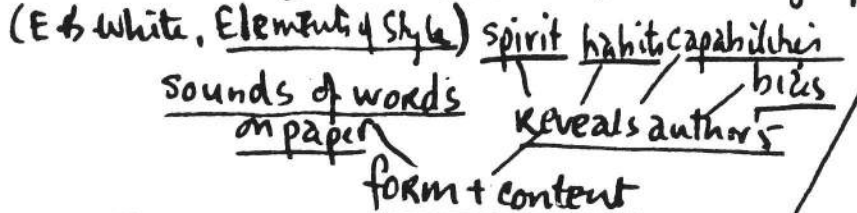


Example 1: ① "These are the times that try men's souls" - Thomas Paine
 Re-write: a. How trying it is to live in these times
 b. These are trying times for men's souls.
 c. Soulwise, these are trying times.



Example 2: "I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all." Eric Blair

Rewrite: Objective consideration of contemporary phenomena compels the conclusion that success or failure in competitive activities involves no tendency to be commensurate with innate capacity, but that a considerable element of the unpredictable must inevitably be taken into account.
 "If one is to write, one must believe in the ability of the reader to receive and decode the message"

Example 3: - He that shall live tuesday and see old age, / will yearly on the vigil feast his neighbors, / and say "To-morrow is saint Crispin: / then he will strip his sleeve and show his scars, / and, 'these wounds I had on Crispin's-day.' / old men forget: yet all shall be forgot... Henry V

"writing is an act of faith, not a trick of grammar" involves groups of words (like reading) -> concepts, more than any specific word. Rd
 Attitude of mind, not a principle of composition
 personal journey (a process) in the direction of plainer, simplicity, orderliness, sincerity

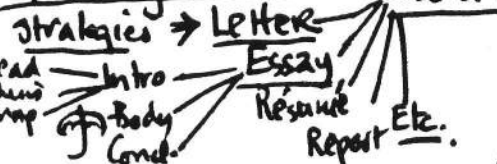
STYLE

A - write, revise, rewrite -> R. Hem / L. Hem -> use nouns + verbs, avoid qualifiers
 B Be clear -> Prefer "standard" to offbeat -> ornate constructions -> don't overwrite. simple to elaborate. use not "to be" enter not "access".

C Be natural

Read others but do not consciously imitate.
 Do not affect brevity or casual manner.
 Do not construct awkward adverbs.
 Avoid fancy words.
 Do not use dialect unless your ear is good -> if you do use it, make sure your reader knows who is speaking.
 "That's the way the cookie bounces."
 Wolcott Gibbs, [these words] are detached from the language, and inflated like little balloons. - at first they seem filled with meaning (i.e. "furious", "accessorize") but they burst and leave nothing.

People (men?) of advanced years demonstrate a tendency to degeneration of the recollective faculty.
 Use a suitable design E



D Place yourself in the background
 Avoid foreign language
 Do not inject opinions gratuitously
 Use figures sparingly
 Don't explain too much.
 Don't mix metaphors
 Don't repeat everything with something else

"A careful and honest writer does not worry about style. As he becomes proficient in the use of language, his style will emerge, because he himself will emerge." - E.B. White.

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Do not overstate
 Reader will question your judgment your prose.

Lister Sinclair + Peter Gzowski - "1984" - Morningside - CBC Radio - 5 Sept. 83

1. "Nightmare World"

- BIG BROTHER - Winston Smith's job.
- DOUBLETHINK - Flexible, Changeable Past + Records
- NEWSPEAK - Perversion of Language
- War Ministry → Ministry of Defence

"DREARY, TRAGIC UTOPIA"

- 3 nations: Oceania (UK + USA), Eurasia (USSR + Europe), East Asia (China + Orient)
- each always at war with other two.
- Ruled by totalitarian parties: Fascist → Communist
- Party control: i.e. Songs for HATE WEEK, Savage + Mindless i.e. "Blue Jays", i.e. Sports - Soccer → Hate Experience

2. THE WORLD IN 1948 → POLITICS

1948 → 1984
 Recreate circumstances of 1948 + compare it + present with Orwell's novel.

i.e. "Clocks strike 13"
 DIGITAL Clocks keep.

1947 - Bell invents TRANSISTOR.
 Huge step to world of Big Brother.

Orwell and we fear abuse of power + his point is much stronger in light of electronics

Quantity change → major quality change
 "The object of persecution is persecution"
 BUT

To set against this vision - we all look for leaders of man's future. - we choose what to admire we believe "The Messiah will come, though he tarry"
 Schönberg's - "A Survivor of Auschwitz" 1948.

c. Electronics Revolution (missed by Orwell)
 first mention of "flying saucers" 1947.

Literature, Music + CULTURE

- Auden - "Age of Anxiety" - "Our Lost Dad" (Big Brother?)
- Mailer - "Naked and the Dead"
- deaths of FRANZ LEHAR + RICHARD TAUBER
- "Ostrich music" - "You are my heart alone"
- RICHARD STRAUSS - 4 last songs.
- KINSEY REPORT - Statistical Sex.
- Movies + Censorship - Ban Attempts
- Nanook (by USSR in Italy)
- Olympic film (Italy)
- Hamlet (Boston)
- Broadway - "Kiss Me Kate"
- TV - prewar invention revived afterwards

USE of Acronyms essence of "News, ak."
 i.e. "Comintern" - don't think about what "Communist International" means
 Churchill, 1946
 Czechoslovakia 1946
 Cominform 1947

EUROPE

- IRON CURTAIN = formation of "Eurasia" under Stalin
- Italy + Greece in turmoil
- FRANCE - before De Gaulle
- BERLIN BLOCKADE - taken by USSR in '45
- Shostakovich "Fall of Berlin" 1945
- "Volga Boat Song"
- BERLIN AIRLIFT - "News coming in through the wall"
- B.B.C. Radio Report.

ORIENT

- "Internationale in Chinese"
- Korea - 1st elections + division
- Civil war in China ending
- "Chairman" Mao
- "Chairman Mao is our guide"
- "The East is Red"
- Independence of India 1947
- Gandhi assassinated 1948.
- NORDEL PRIZE
- UN official Benadotte assassinated 1948

MIDDLE EAST

- Republic of Israel 1948 - successful
- freedom-fighters/terrorists

USA → Truman Doctrine → Marshall Plan
 House Un-American Activities Committee
 "MacCarthyism" - Alger Hiss, 1948
 "Pinkin Papers" - 1938! - irrelevant but used for publicity.

SOUTH AFRICA

- PATON - Cry the Beloved Country
- compare Proles in 1984 with Blasphemous "free" because no general ideas

FREE TRADE!!
Economy - Country built on principle that Eastern Business sell things (at a mark-up) to the west => with free trade they don't want to do that any more.

Political Opportunism
"I want my share now!"
CONSTITUTION
Does it matter?
Games? - Hockey.
Language?
Entertainments?
Characteristics of Canadians

US - TV. etc. North-South pull
Regions
WHAT HOLDS US TOGETHER?
POLITICS
Railway
Political Institution
Sports
Literature
BINDINGS
AIR for trade?
Roads
TRADE!!
DISINTEGRATION
COMpetition in Trade + Economy.
"How we do things".

CANADIAN SOCIETY

Education
Capital Punishment
Policies
Employment
RESOURCES
Building TIES
i.e. Railroad
i.e. Medicare
Aboriginals
French + B.A.
Britain + Empire
Immigration

Ethnicities
Language
Eng PROCESS
Friends
West Other?
Regions
Centre
East
North
North American Trade + Resource Economy
Riding on US Economy.
Quebec 1st to be more urban than rural
1949
but not common impression
we're a banana
we all live in cities
no bananas.
- Nancy White.

History
Religion
Urban/Rural
Development of Facilities
Pre WWI
(E) Europe
Asia

ENVIRONMENT
Destruction of Natural Environment
we certainly lived in farms at 1 point but no longer
re. W.O. Mitchell
Perhaps long for a past that never was
we've NEVER taken care of our environment
Health care
C.B.C.
See birds
Cod Fishery
Road buildings

Comm I
Photographers
Feb 1993

