## **TEMPLATE: Hook Writing (Spring 2021)**

[WRITE STORY HERE.]

[HOOK WRITING.]

## STORY CONCEPT/MINI-INVENTORY:

• Summary/Key Points of the story:

- Key Lesson/Takeaway/Learning (1 sentence):
- Three Ds to Include
  - Key Dialogue/Quotes:

• Key Descriptive Elements (ie., Physical descriptions; Location Descriptions; Mannerism Descriptions):

• Key Depth (ie., Statistics; Quotes/Commentary from experts; Quotes from research):

## HOOKS:

- CLIFFHANGER
  - o 1-12 sentences that setup the dramatic part of the story

- + CLIFFHANGER STATEMENT →
  - But what he didn't know then was this would change everything...
  - This would set off a dramatic chain of events...
  - She couldn't have predicted what would happen next...
- ANALOGY:
  - o 1-12 sentences that tell a 'seemingly' unrelated mini-example

- + ANALOGY STATEMENT →
  - Much like this story/example/case, [HERO] would also...
- BOLD CLAIM
  - o 1-12 sentences that setup/tell the story

- $\circ$  + BOLD CLAIM  $\rightarrow$ 
  - ... and that can cost you [time/money/effort].
  - This represents a billion dollar issue...
  - This is one of the largest crises facing our world...

- PERSONAL:
  - o 1-12 sentences that setup/tell the story
  - + PERSONAL INSIGHT
    - ... I would learn this was just the beginning...
    - ... this would change the way I would understand ...
- TEASER INTRODUCTION/QUOTE:
  - o 1-12 sentences that introduce the hero/character
  - + SURPRISING TWIST
    - ... represents the new face of...
    - ... you'd never know...
    - ... I was shocked to learn that...
- TEASER QUESTION:
  - o 1-12 sentences that setup/tell the story
  - + QUESTION:
    - Is this something unique or is it something all of us can have?
    - How could I learn more?
    - Where is the world headed?
- TEASER DATA
  - o 1-12 sentences that share a key piece of data
  - + STATEMENT:
    - This represents...
    - This is potentially...
    - This was just the beginning...