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Cheat Sheet Chapter One, Week Five

Monday, June 15th, 2020

1. WHAT DOES MR. SINGH LOOK LIKE?

According to the session participants he looks many different ways. That's the point. Create a character by their actions and words, not detailed description, to come alive in the reader's mind.

2. WHEN I PAINT MY MASTERPIECE BY BOB DYLAN

The opening two stanzas of the song are great examples of Setting, Character, Action.

If you want to learn how he changes and improves his lyrics, and dig deeper into Dylan's writing, there are an amazing number of websites created by "Dylanolgists."

Check out Pod Dylan among many others.

3.CAVES

This is a repeat from the first session. Get used to it. I'm going to keep pounding this drum:

Keep these five letters in your head, and by your computer, every time you write. These are the five KEY elements you need to start a story, write an email, write a memo, pen a letter, tell a story, any and everything.

C is for Character A is for Action V is for Voice E is for Emotion S is for Setting

*Remember, put the S on top, so it is really SCAVE. (Setting always comes first!)

4. THANK YOU ALL

Please do check out my website, robertrotenberg.com, if you missed a session or want to refer my books to a friend. Or sign up for my mailing list.

5. LOOK FOR BOOK SIX "DOWNFALL" EARLY NEXT YEAR

My sixth novel will be out in early 2021. Most likely in February. Stay tuned for details, and please do consider pre-ordering.

Have a safe summer, stay in touch and I'll be back to you in the Fall.

Most grateful, and all the very best

Robert