Techniques for Raising the Level of Narrative Writing

(Session 3) Dream the Dream of the Story.
Revise, using all you know about storytelling, not summarizing.

(Session 4) Use all you know about grammar, spelling and punctuation to edit as you write.
Tell the story from inside it.
Use details that are true to the event and that ring true.

(Session 5) Ask, “In what ways does my writing measure up?” In what ways do I need to improve?”

(Session 7) Ask, “What is my story really about?”

(Session 9) Bring out the story structure.
Elaborate on important parts.

(Session 10) Incorporate scenes from the past or future to highlight the significance of your story.

(Session 11) Before the end, resolve problems, teach lessons, or make changes that tie back to the big meaning.

(Session 14) Take your story to the workbench.
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Dream the Dream of the Story

Write in a way that allows readers to experience the moment with you.
Revise, using all you know about storytelling, not summarizing.
Use all you know about grammar, spelling, and punctuation to “”, “?”
edit as you write.

Does that sound right and make sense?

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Tell the story from inside it.
Use details that are true to the event and that ring true.
Ask, “In what ways does my writing measure up?”

“In what ways do I need to improve?”
Ask, “What is my story really about?”

What is the TRUE BIG MEANING!
Bring out the story structure.
Elaborate on important parts—parts that relate to what your story is really about.

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