

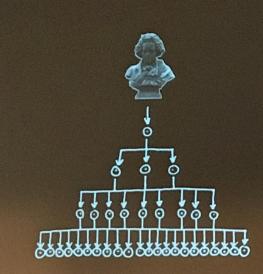


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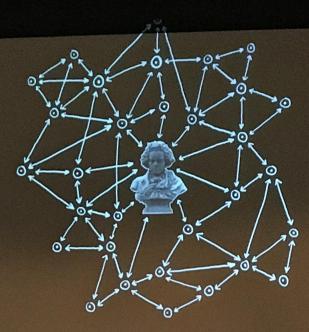
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SCENIUS.

Here today, we are a scenius — of creative professionals of teachers of writing.

What inspiration will you take from

today's session — and from NCTE?

What ideas will you steal like an artist?

SWIPE FILE.

IT'S A PLACE TO KEEP SCRAPS OF STUFF YOU'VE STOLEN.

SEE SOMETHING WORTH STEALING?

PUT IT IN THE SWIPE FILE!



NEED SOME INSPIRATION?

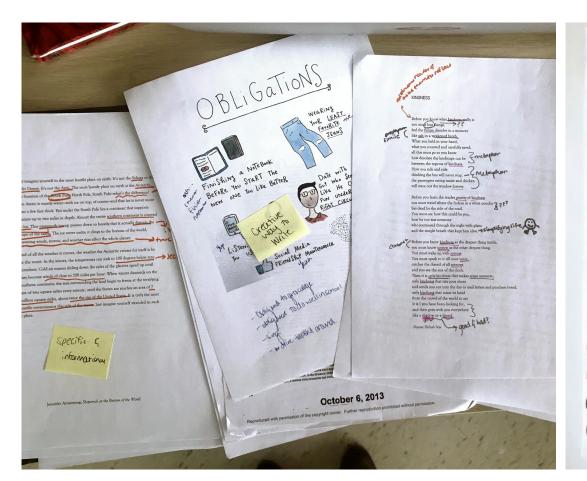
OPEN UP THE SWIPE FILE!













I am not the kind of person who becomes so invested in a book or movie or television show that my interest becomes a hobby or intense obsession, one where I start to declare allegiances, or otherwise demonstrate a serious level of commitment to something fictional I had no hand in creating.

Or, I wasn't that kind of person.

Let me be clear: Team Peeta, I cannot even fathom how one could be on any other team. Gale? I can barely acknowledge him. Peeta, on the other hand, is everything. He frosts things and bakes bread and is unconditional and unwavering in his love and also he is very, very strong. He can throw a sack of flour, is what I am saying. Peeta is a place of solace and hope and he is a good kisser. My devotion to Peeta is so strong, so serious, I have made a Venn diagram detailing his best qualities, which are many.

TEAM PEETA True, passionate, enduring love Ability to Charming appreciate Codependence a good sunset Soft lips meant for PEETA MELLARK Rage XObsession kissing Baking & Cheese/ Selflessness & decorating Faith, hope, positive outlook on life

[on mentor text selection]

How do you create a scenius of writing mentors and fellow writers in your classroom, for your students?

Who are the mentors in your swipe folders?

Whose voices are represented — *celebrated* — in the mentor texts you use to teach writing?

Who are the geniuses of writing and thinking

that surround your students?

Thank you!

... now go *bust a move!*