

Preparing For Screencast:

Author's Notes are a way we reflect on our writing process and tell the story of how we went from blank page to a finished product. This is your opportunity to peel back the curtains and give a behind-the-scenes look at what you're proud of, what challenged you, and what you've learned along the way! Before you can make a screencast of your process, you need to reflect on some questions.

1. How did you come up with your idea for this piece? .
2. What are you most proud of?
3. What was your biggest challenge? How did you overcome it?
4. What can you do at the end of this writing unit that you couldn't do before? OR what do you understand about writing now that you didn't understand before?
5. What did you try in this piece of writing to make your piece like the mentor texts we studied?
6. Where can a reader see evidence of the mini-lessons we studied together? (Using unusual figurative language, direct object /indirect object/ SAVIODO sentences)
7. What self-knowledge will you take with you from this piece and into high school application season?
8. If you had more time to work, what would you do next?

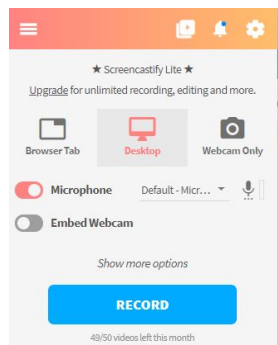
Making a Screencast:

[Install Screencastify](#)

The goal of your screencast is to walk your viewer through the answers to your author's notes above by showing them evidence of the different techniques and elements you are talking about.

[Watch a sample to see what you can do with your screencast!](#)

1. Pull up your book in a tab and click "Read" to do a full-screen view of your work. .
2. Make sure the volume is turned up on your computer. IF you have headphones that have a microphone, you can plug those in for better sound quality!
3. Click the Screencastify Icon (Looks like an orangey/pink arrow) in the top right of your Internet browser.
4. This is what yours should look like:



5. IF you want to have a little video of your face in the bottom corner of the video as you talk, click the button for "Embed Webcam." If you don't, leave it like this!
6. When you are ready to record, click "Record".
7. Click the image of "Your Entire Screen" to move forward.
8. You will hear a 3-2-1 countdown and then recording will start. You have 14 minutes to record.
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10. When you are done recording, click "Stop Sharing".
11. Your video should pop up in a new tab. In the top left, change the name to WRITING WORKSHOP #1.

12. This will magically be left in your drive! Click "View in Drive" and click the three dots at the top right. Choose "organize" to move it to your English folder so that I can see it! (It might take a few minutes to process after you record, so be patient!)