

第 93篇 [文章的延宕法][Create Suspense in Writing]

命題大意：教材中列舉九種方法、囑舉例說明。

寫作大意：以最近一真實故事為例說明。

ASSIGNMENT 12/7/2004:

Write a short paragraph in which you include at least three of the 17 figures of speech described on page 10 and 11.

SUBMISSION 12/15/2004

Write a few paragraphs using at least one of the nine items of the strategy to create suspense in writing a story to hook the reader as described in the handouts provided by teacher Jane in the writers' roundtable class.

In plotting a story, the handout says "You must build you story beginning with one thought in mind: HOOK THE READER. Once caught the middle must develop the plot and hold off a solution as long as possible. To build suspense , use one or more of the following: 1. Obstacles (障礙), 2. Delays(延宕), 3. Imminent danger(危險). 4.Struggle(掙扎), 5. Waiting(等待), 6. Interruptions(干擾), 7. Distractions(分心), 8. Conflict(衝突) and indecision(不能決定) 9. Others such as: Discussion(討論), introspection(反省), description(陳述), exposition(解釋), or philosophy(哲學). The following is a true story just happened to me a few days ago.

My friend J. k. Chen, the director of the Hunanese Association in Los Angeles Called me on the phone on 11/25 " Hi, Simou, Madame Ho Jian our honorable President gave us a message to write a memorial article to be published on one of the two famous magazines in Taiwan, the The Biographical Literature or Hunan Archive in memorial to her husband Gen. Ho J. We all think you are the most qualified writer to do job. She is scheduled to have a surgery of throat cancer in December. Knowing that at her age of over ninety, the chances of being alive after the surgery is very remote, she almost mandatory asked us to carry out this request...."

Gen. Ho Jian (1885-1956) was one of the warlord in my native province Hunan who served as the governor of Hunan for eight years from 1929 to 1937 when I was from primary school to high school. He was a good friend of my father and gave our family some assistance when father past away at his prime year. Now under the present circumstances, while all other coleagues are young people, few old guys mostly are sick or not in existance. I am the only poor guy to take the mission. I cannot refuse but have a lot of problem to