

Mr. Smith
ELA

“Big Fish” – Writing Assignment

“A man tells so many stories, that he becomes the stories. They live on after him, and in that way he becomes immortal.” ~ Will Bloom

“Will never told you?... Ah, probably just as well. He would have told it wrong anyway. All the facts and none of the flavor.” ~ Edward Bloom

Fish Stories, Tall Tales, and The Truth

The literal truth, free of any embellishment, storytelling, or exaggeration, is what we live every day. It can also be boring and meaningless.

Your Job:

1. Watch “Big Fish.” See how the main character blurs the line between truth and fiction, making seemingly-ordinary events into epic tales.

Due Date: June 4

2. Think of an event from your life. In two pages, tell what happened, clearly, plainly, and factually. Tell the literal truth.

Due Date: June 11

3. Tell the story of that SAME event, but make it fantastical. Exaggerate, rearrange, embellish. Make it fantastical, but keep some element of truth. This version should also be two pages long.

Due Date: June 18

4. Present your “Big Fish” tale to the class.

Due Date: Exam Day

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