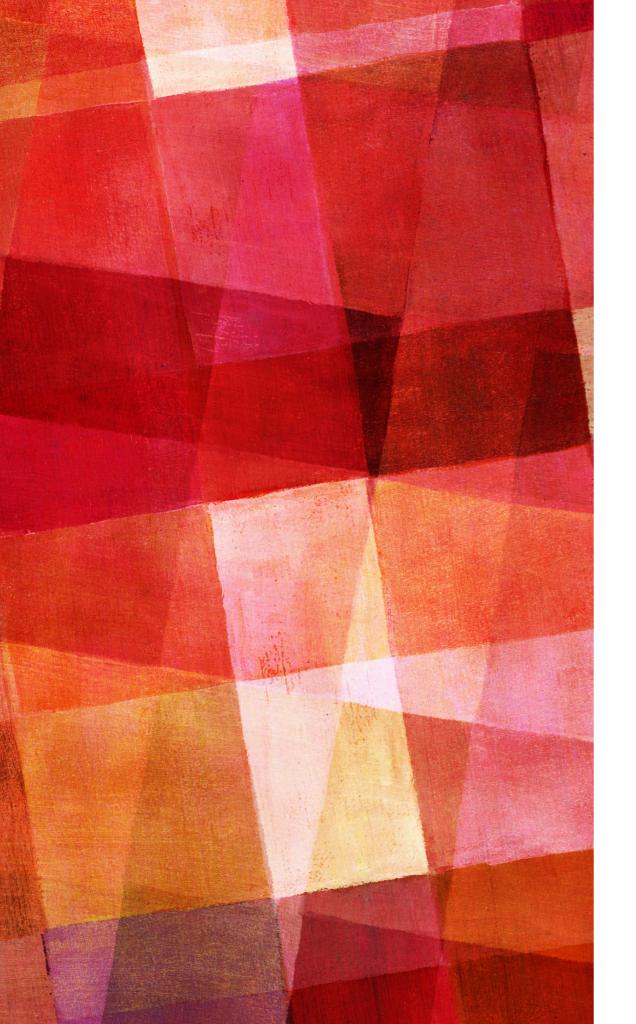


WHAT IS A SCENE?



SCENES:

- ➤ Are the basic building blocks of a story
- ➤ Cover a short period of time
- ➤ Advance the story, and the conflict, forward.



WHAT MAKES A SCENE?

Scenes:

- ➤ Have conflict—opposing wants and needs
- ➤ Have a beginning, middle, and end
- ➤ Are grounded in a specific time and place
- ➤ May include dialogue
- ➤ Feature details that can be perceived by the fives senses (sight, hearing, taste, smell and touch)
- ➤ Have consequences for the overall story

SCENES VS.

- Scenes deal with a short period of time
- Captures events in "real time"
- ➤ Offer a play-by-play of actions to **show** the reader what's going on

For example:

Alice stooped to scratch the puppy between the ears. The puppy nipped at her wrist.

"What's her name?" she asked. "His name is Milo." The owner scowled down at Alice.

SUMMARIES

- Cover a longer period of time
- ➤ Condense time to move through events more quickly
- ➤ Provide less details
- ➤ Tell the reader what happened

For example:

Alice pet a dog on her way to the store.