

Creative Writing—Short Fiction Unit

# **LENGTH OF FICTION**

# THE REALLY LITTLE

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- ✘ Drabble= ~100 words
- ✘ Flash-Fiction = ~100-500 words
- ✘ Short Short = 500-1,000 words
- ✘ Vignettes = 1,000 words or less, but also have a thematic attachment

# SHORT TO LONG

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- ✘ Short Story = 1,000 – 15,000 words
- ✘ Novella = 17,500 – 25,000 words
- ✘ Novelette = 25,000 – 40,000 words
- ✘ Novel = 40,000+ words

# A BIT OF PRACTICE: THE DRABBLE

- ✘ Try writing one drabble about the following topic:
  - ✘ Being lost in the forest
- ✘ Try writing a second drabble about the following topic:
  - ✘ Discovering a family secret