

## FLM: Style (The Secret to Becoming a Successful Writer)

### In-Class Activity *Online Implementation*

You will be put in a break-out room with another student. Once in a break-out room:

1. First, exchange a paragraph of your work with each other. It is recommended that you share your text in a Google doc.
2. Next, read a paragraph of your peer's work and evaluate their style. You can highlight parts of your peer's text or use the Comment function in Google docs to leave quick feedback. In particular, check for:

**Clarity.** Are there clear subjects and verbs? Are the words appropriately specific and concrete?

**Brevity.** Is every word or phrase necessary? Can some words be omitted?

**Correctness.** Check for accurate usage and syntax (word order), including punctuation.

**Elegance.** What is the most beautiful sentence and why? Can you help your peer write an elegant sentence if one cannot be identified?

3. Finally, share and discuss your comments and observations with your peer.