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Lesson Title: What makes a Common Childhood?

Today's lesson starts with a Peer Review of our Tiny Love stories. From there we will do a writing exercise to get us thinking about our collective childhood.

## **Peer Review Guidelines:**

When you are the reviewer:

- Fix clerical errors. No need to discuss them at length.
- Focus on "Showing" vs. "Telling."
- Ask questions rather than give orders.
- Give compliments. Say things like "I like how you..." "This is an interesting use of this word." Etc.

When you are the receiver:

- Don't take anything personally. It's not about you, it's about a piece of writing.
- When the reviewer is finished, say: "Thank you for your feedback".

## Free Write & Discussion: Our Common Childhood

"Children have a folklore all their own and the games, rhymes, trends and legends that catch on spread to kids across time and space."

https://www.theatlantic.com/family/archive/2022/11/kids-pass-down-games-rhymes-legends-childlore/672024/

(5-minute free write)

Rules of the Free Write (adapted from Natalie Goldberg's rules for writing practice)

- 1. Don't think.
- 2. Keep your hand moving.
- 3. Don't correct yourself.
- 4. Quantity is better than quality.

5. Go crazy.

**Discussion.** What came up in your writing? How many of you came up with the same memories?

## A peak into the future!

Your Homework for next class:

- 1. Read this article.

  <a href="https://www.theatlantic.com/family/archive/2022/11/kids-pass-down-games-rhymes-legends-childlore/672024/">https://www.theatlantic.com/family/archive/2022/11/kids-pass-down-games-rhymes-legends-childlore/672024/</a>
- 2. Read chapters 1-3 in The Elements of Academic Style by Eric Hayot.

  <a href="https://www.ucsiuniversity.edu.my/sites/default/files/the-elements-of-academic-style.pdf">https://www.ucsiuniversity.edu.my/sites/default/files/the-elements-of-academic-style.pdf</a>
- 3. Write a reaction essay (max 3 pages) on either text or both.
- 4. Print and bring a copy of your essay to class for peer review.

Finally, here is the feedback form for today's class.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1w4Ah NPdZSrSDdysemslMv-bVChOM7XwYYKtsWmcNA/edit

Please take a moment and fill it out!

Thank you! See you next week.