

Instances of Injustice: A Sequence of Two Invitations

Invitation #1 (Suffering Injustice): Tell a story about a time when you were treated unfairly. This may be an incident that you knew at the time was unjust, or an experience that has haunted you since that time and you now understand its injustice. Tell the story so that your reader can understand your experience, your reactions to it, and how you came to terms with that experience.

You may feel that you have never been treated unjustly, but you saw another person suffer injustice. If so, tell a detailed story that shows a reader what happened, but also talk about your reaction to what you saw.

Invitation #2 (Inflicting Injustice): Recently, in the Writing Center, you wrote about an experience in which you felt you were treated unjustly or saw someone else being treated unjustly. Today, please explore an experience that's the opposite of the one you just discussed. Tell us a story about a time when you know you mistreated someone or treated someone unfairly. It doesn't need to have been a big event in your life, but it should be one that matters to you even now. Think about experiences you've had in school, on the job, or in your social life. Whatever experience you choose to explore, make sure you tell us about the situation, who was involved, why you think you acted as you did, and how you feel about the experience now. As you've done with your previous writings, please share details and examples to help your reader see and feel what you did.