

This text serves the purpose of providing a general idea of how to Workshop a piece.

Please recognize that this is a student submitted example and should only guide the reader in the right direction and not be used as a format for workshops. All points are never absolutely correct.

Carlson - A Kind of Flying - Plan B for the Middle Class:::

(What's Working) The introduction of the main characters provides the right amount of detail and not too much, which helps make the reader curious and the characters interesting. Paying

attention to the setting(wedding) gives a sense of joy and anxiety working well into the plot.

Providing only first names with some characters can draw attention to them and their importance.

The line "Toy soldiers patrolling bathroom sinks and cowboys in refrigerators," has a great sound perhaps because it makes one think about the imagery. The use of crows was unexpected and very

unique. The dialogue sounds realistic throughout the story and makes the characters more

personal to the reader. The significance of the plot is deeper with the last paragraph.

(Critical Points) There is a shift near the beginning of the story that tells it has already happened, which could cause some readers to lose interest (The conflict is past), would the reader be more interested in a war that has already happened or one currently happening. In p13 "She looked like an angel," is a bit cliché, why not comment on the father. The flooding of detail halfway through the story causes a lose of interest (try to leave a little detail for the end if possible).

NOTES::: Try to offer as much support for comments as possible. Read a story once and comment then quickly go over it again and see if anything was missed (repeat until satisfied). Pay close attention to grammar (word use and spelling) because typos can completely alter a story. BEWARE of the fact that we are reading professional works right now and finding points to comment on may be difficult, so be careful not to feel unaccomplished when you write your story (if nobody has any comments for you it means they are not trying). Take criticism to heart but don't let it ruin your ideas and writing. Most importantly if you do not understand something, ask (of course only when the floor is open for comments).

If you need any kind of help, AT ALL, please oh please oh PLEASE ask other students (especially the advanced CW students); We will more than often have an answer for you and will not give you false information if we do not know.