ROOMMATES

What are the things people surround themselves with that define character?

NO DIALOGUE – TWO PAGES MAXIMUM

Describe a bedroom where two people live. They can be college roommates, brothers, sisters, lovers, husband/wife – it’s up to you. You are to describe the room three times (in script form):

1) The first time the two people live in harmony.

2) The second, there has been a fight between the two roommates.

3) The third, one of the roommates has moved out.

The tricky part is you are to describe only the room. There are no people in any of these scenes. Use objects, furniture, clothes, etc… to differentiate between the two roommates.

Don’t just list objects. Write with a sense of discovery. The way in which you reveal information is important. It affects our understanding as well as our emotions.

Subtle, but clear, changes should occur to the room as their relationship dissolves. We should know from the descriptions who these people are, what happened, which one started the fight, what the fight was about and who moved out.

Questions that should be answered by the assignment:

Who are these two people? What are their ages? What do they look like? How long have they lived together? What do they do for a living? Are they intelligent? Is music important to them? Have they gone to college? Etc…

What was the argument about? Who started it? How did they deal with it at first?

Who moved out? Why? Where did he/she go? How did the other take it? Happy to be rid of the other? Or upset?