

## Story and Craft

### What a story is not

- A story is not information, although it may contain information.
- It is not the explaining of an issue, although it may serve to do so.
- It is not a sermon

### What it is.

"A story is a series of events composed in such a way as to arouse emotions and communicate meaning." "Story telling is about Life"

"It also helps to understand *why* life changes." ...Robert McKee

A story can help you to consider: how you do

could

should live your life

### Where does a story begin?

- a pebble drops into a pond.
- the gap between what you expect to happen and what does happen.

Good story tellers recognize instinctively that there must be a "but" in a story.

The beginning of every story holds the potential for something unexpected to happen

It can begin with unfinished business.

### What do we do when something gets changed?

- we usually want to put it back to where it was - to restore the balance.
- something happens and we want to do something about it.