

FAITH Academics Writing Well

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPILING A PUD\*

DUE: **August 28.** On August 21, be prepared to share about your process of gathering words. Also, have *at least half* of your PUD completed and with you on **August 21.**

Prepare a deck of fifty 3 X 5-inch cards on which you write words that are significant to you right now, creating your own Personal Universe Deck (PUD). Rules for compilation:

1. Each word must be significant to you at the time when you write it (although you may, and should, use a dictionary to learn new words and get ideas for your PUD, do not randomly pick words from the dictionary).
2. Each word, unless otherwise specified, must be “concrete.” Instead of bird, write robin, cardinal, house finch . . . . Rather than tree, write birch, Colorado blue spruce, poplar . . . .
3. Try to use words whose sounds mingle in a fascinating way to you. (I like the sounds of *rasp* and *scintillate*.)
4. Do not include different forms of the same word: i.e., if you use the word sound, do not use sounds, sounding, or sounded.
5. Compounds like back porch or front door may be counted as one word each, but use such compounds only if these words seem almost inseparable in your mind.
6. On each side of 8 cards, write a word that applies to the sense of hearing
7. On each side of 8 cards, write a word that applies to the sense of sight.
8. On each side of 8 cards, write a word that applies to the sense of smell.
9. On each side of 8 cards, write a word that applies to the sense of touch.
10. On each side of 8 cards, write a word that applies to the sense of taste.
11. On each side of 5 cards, write a word that expresses motion.
12. On each side of 2 cards, write a word that represents an abstraction (courage, hope, etc.)
13. On each side of 3 cards, write “misfits,” words that do not fit into any of the above categories.

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