



Inspirational Writers Alive! (IWA!)

Central Houston Chapter

Submission Guidelines for Critique Sessions

Critique sessions provide an opportunity to solicit more comprehensive inputs on a short work or on an excerpt from a longer piece. Critiques are NOT edits! With only a sampling of your work, feedback can be provided that you can then apply to the full manuscript. The longer the submission is, in general, the less deep the reviewers are going to be able to go on the full text. We recommend staying under three pages double spaced.

- Please submit only ONE manuscript.
- If you submit a manuscript for critique, you must also critique at least one submission from someone else.

The president will then compile all of the submissions and email them to the chapter members. Everyone who submits a manuscript will be assigned one manuscript to critique so everyone is guaranteed to receive feedback. Comments are due at the end of the critique month. All members are encouraged to critique as many of these submissions as possible. Critiques will be returned to the authors electronically via email.

Manuscripts must be submitted as Word documents in the following format:

- ✍ Include in your email message the category of your work, e.g. YA fiction book chapter, non-fiction book chapter, article, back cover copy, query letter, devotional, etc.
- ✍ Include your name and email in the manuscript header.
- ✍ Include the title of your work; for book chapters, include both the book title and chapter title.
- ✍ Times New Roman or Courier New, 12pt font
- ✍ Except for poems:
 - Double spaced
 - Indent the first line of each paragraph by 0.3; do not add extra line space between paragraphs.
 - Left justified