**Write Like a Pro – Skill Builder**

**Directions**: Complete each of the following tasks for the six skills mentioned in the lecture.

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| **Participles/Participial Phrases** | **Absolutes/Absolute Phrases** | **Appositives/Appositive Phrases** |
| 1. In your own words, explain how this technique works:
2. In these two examples, underline the participle and/or participial phrases:

“Now he was on the bridge, hunched over on the bicycle, pedaling steadily.” – Louis Lowry, *The Giver**“*The shirt was silk paisley, unbuttoned halfway down his hairless chest.” – Rick Riordan, *The Lightning Thief*1. Write your own unique sentence using a participle or participial phrase:
 | 1. In your own words, explain how this technique works:
2. In these two examples, underline the absolute and/or absolute phrases:

“Hermione was running toward them down the path, Hagrid puffing along behind her.” – J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*“The raptor struck out with its hind claws, and with a single swift movement ripped open the belly of the fallen animal, coils of intestine falling out like fat snakes.” – Michael Crichton, *Jurassic Park*1. Write your own unique sentence using an absolute or absolute phrase:
 | 1. In your own words, explain how this technique works:
2. In these two examples, underline the appositive and/or appositive phrases:

“So Cherry Valance, the cheerleader, Bob’s girl, the Soc, was trying to help us.” – S.E. Hinton, *The Outsiders*“Only Gatsby, the man who gives his name to this book, was exempt from my reaction.” – F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*1. Write your own unique sentence using an appositive or appositive phrase:
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| **Adjectives Shifted Out of Order** | **Vivid Verbs** | **Similes and Metaphors** |
| 1. In your own words, explain how this technique works:
2. In these two examples, underline the adjectives shifted out of order:

“He ceased, but at once Boromir stood up, tall and proud, before them.” – J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring**“*As the light faded, deep blue gaps of night peered through like an upside-down ocean, bottomless and cold.” – Scott Westerfeld, *Uglies*1. Write your own unique sentence using adjectives shifted out of order:
 | 1. In your own words, explain how this technique works:
2. In these two examples, underline the vivid verbs:

“Wind whips through my clothes, making the fabric snap.” – Veronica Roth, *Divergent**“*He craned his neck, scanning the mob.” – Jerry Spinelli, *Stargirl*1. Write your own unique sentence using vivid verbs:
 | 1. In your own words, explain how this technique works:
2. In these two examples, underline the simile in the first one and the metaphor in the second one:

“The tray falls on the floor and the cake breaks apart, like soil falling from roots.” – Ally Condie, *Matched**“*Zero was a mole as he dug his five-foot deep hole.” – Louis Sachar, *Holes*1. Write two unique sentences. One needs to use a simile; the other needs to include a metaphor:
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