



Step 3: Tightening Tension

Hazel Edwards – Author

Before watching Hazel Edwards' video, discuss what you know about using Step 3: Tightening Tension in narrative writing.

Now watch the video and use the following questions to prompt discussion as a whole class or in groups.

Discussion Questions

1. What are two methods that Hazel Edwards uses when she is writing tension?
2. Where in the story does Hazel say you should put the tension?
3. Why should you balance the tension scenes with quieter moments?
4. What is pacing and why is it important for Tightening Tension?
5. How do you feel when you're reading a tension scene? Do you need time to think about it afterwards?