Wild Writing: An Experiential Writing Course in the Desert

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“...Experiential Learning is best considered as the change in an individual that results from reflections on a direct experience and results in new abstractions and applications (Itin 92).
Experiential Education must include or make clear the transactive component between teacher and learner which is absent from the definition of experiential learning” (Itin 92).
the 10 minute spill

"Write in a ten-line poem. The poem must include a proverb, adage, or familiar phrase (examples: she’s a brick house, between the devil and the deep blue sea,...) that you have changed in some way, as well as five of the following words:

cliff
whir
needle
blackberry
voice
cloud
lick
mother

You have 10 minutes."

rita dove
view from ryan mtn summit
Ryan Mtn Summit
“As night came, a whole different atmosphere arose. The stars lit up the sky, and the clarity of these shiny sparkling dots was unforgettable. Having an actual campfire under the stars was the highlight of the trip. I saw five shooting stars.”

“My happiness lies in the natural beauty and the real feelings nature can bring to someone. Nature is my serendipity. This trip will always sit close to my heart because a Joshua tree grew around it. I found my spark again.”

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“Some people may feel scared or unsafe in nature. It isn’t understood completely, nor will it likely ever be. However, when I visit nature, I feel balanced, peaceful, and complete. In the everyday life of humanity, there are so many variables, so much to focus on. People can lose themselves in their careers, their games, even their own lives. Focusing on a clear identity, however, is a pretty necessary part of living in society. So, what is a clear identity? I think it takes more than a lifetime to figure that out. What I do know, however, is that I find a more clearness to my cogency in nature.”

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