


Teaching Creative Writing




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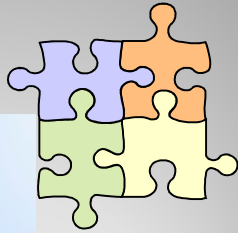
Publisher of Reach for the Stars

- Good writers are good story tellers
- Read to your children (Bible)
- Have them tell you stories back
- Begin with one situation
- Use story prompts (Write Shop.com)
 - Search for story prompts online
 - Record your stories using video or audio

Begin Orally

5- Keys

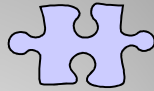
- Character
- Setting
- Problem
- Plot
- Solution



Elements of Writing Fiction

Who is this person?

- Name, age, birth
- Likes
- Dislikes



How well do you know them?

- Motivation
- How do they react?

Write what you know

Character

Place

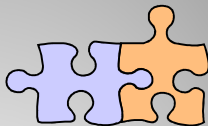
- Nearby
- Exotic -Strange
- Foreign Country

Century

- Current
- In the Past

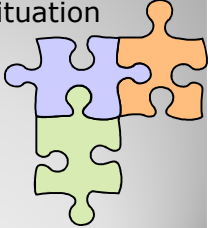
Month

- Winter - Spring - Summer - Fall



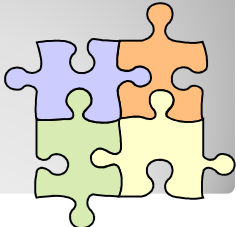
Setting

- Why should we care?
- Man against man
- Man against the elements (nature)
- Man against events / situation



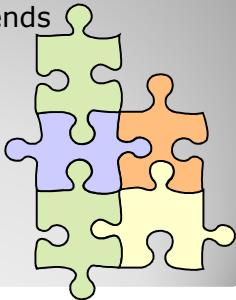
Problem

- What is happening?
- Story line
- Action? Adventure? Mystery?
Suspense? Happily Ever After?



Plot

- Everything fits neatly
- Ending is satisfying
- Tie up all the loose ends
- Tell "who" did it



Solution

- Short Chapters
 - Fast paced book
 - Action or adventure
- Drama
 - Characters you care about
 - Events you care about
- Cliff Hanger Endings
 - Keeps you reading
 - You want to know what happens next

Literary Devices

Real Application...

- Experience is the best teacher
Christina wanted to write a mystery
 - My daughter's purpose was to write a fun to read action-adventure story with an element of mystery

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- Also Known As Brain Storming ...
 - Adventure
 - Mystery
 - Action
 - Suspense
 - Fun!

Brain Dumping

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- My purpose was to educate using the creation vs. evolution debate

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- Write what you know
- Mom
 - Creation Science – expertise as an author
- Christina
 - Excavation on the Peace river
 - Participant
 - Fossil float Experience



Write What You Know

- We knew **What** we wanted to write and **Where**.

- Story Line –
- Missing Link

• **Characters**

- We worked out a detailed list of questions

We wrote our first book: The Missing Link Found in the Truth Seekers Mystery Series TM

FIRST BOOK TOOK 2 YEARS FROM START TO FINISHED PRODUCT



Write What You Know

- After the first book I asked Christina what she'd like to write about: took about 4-6 months and 1 year

- Dinosaurs
- Paleontology (we knew nothing about either)

- Research
- God provided (after the fact) a trip to a dinosaur dig in Montana
 - This was an invitation from a family who gave tours and had read our books!

- We had around 10 people read the book for content and errors
- We had 3 scientists read each book
- The THIRD Book she wanted to write about her favorite hobby SCUBA diving

The Series

Truth Seekers Mystery Series.com



One book grew into three...



Literature Study Guides

- Look at the books you like to read and ask yourself the following questions
 - What are some things I'd change or improve on in the areas of plot, setting, characterization or dialogue
 - If you could add or remove a character who would it be?
 - What was your favorite part of the book? Plot? Setting? Characters? Why?

Getting started

- Special Needs
- Gifted
- Everything in Between

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Most Kids love stories ...
