



Let's write a short story

Secondary, Non-Fiction

Enter your story into the Bedrock Young Authors writing competition to be in with the chance of becoming a Bedrock Young Author!



Annotate around the images:

"This might link to 'journey' because..."

"This might represent 'journey' because..."



How do these images link to the word 'journey'?



Complete the sentence

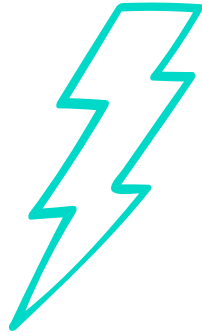
and be ready to share with the class.

The most memorable journey of my life was when...

because...

Brainstorm

Must you have a job in order to do a days work?



Thinking about journeys

A journey can be literal (physical), metaphorical (mental) or both.

Getting going	
Moving on	
Challenge	

Be ready to share...

Topic	
Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper article• Biography• Diary entry• Letter• Review• Information leaflet• Magazine article• Travel writing• Advertisement• Other (explain below) <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p>
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To change my reader's opinion on something• To inform my reader about something they didn't know• To share a personal experience that was important to me• To move my reader emotionally• To entertain my reader• To make my reader think• To offer my opinion on something important to me• To transport my reader to a new place• Other (explain below) <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p>

What does 'good' look like?

In the river basin of the Amazon and Orinoco, deep in the South American forests, swims **a curious beast**. The rivers there teem with life, from the enormous black caiman to the tiny **- but deadly -** poison dart frog. One particular inhabitant, though, leaves the local fisherman with a deep sense of unease each time they push their boat out into the river. **The reason for their feeling of foreboding? The pacu.** These fish are omnivores; they have voracious appetites and will eat anything in front of them. What's even creepier, though, is that they have humanoid teeth! Unlike the spiky fangs of the piranha, **these guys have a set of gnashers that look just like ours!**

Unpacking and discussing the WAGOLL

- What's the impact of withholding the naming of this beast? Why does the writer opt for ambiguity early on in the passage?
- Why do you think the writer 'inserts' this extra information into the sentence between dashes?
- In a technique known as hypophora, the writer here asks a question and then immediately answers it themselves. Why might they do that?
- Here the writer chooses some quite colloquial language. Why might a writer do this in a piece of non-fiction writing?

Slow writing

We'll tell you how to begin each sentence.

You might like to write your full competition entry here, or do a practice run.

Building our Success Criteria

What will make a story, a successful competition entry?

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5.	

20 Words from our very own Bedrock Curriculum to inspire you:

Amaze	To fill someone with wonder or astonishment.	Abundant	Existing in large quantities or being plentiful.
Terrify	To cause extreme fear or terror in someone.	Astonishing	Extremely surprising or impressive.
Rescue	To save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation.	Melancholy	A feeling of deep sadness or sorrow.
Triumph	A great victory or achievement.	Rejoice	To feel or show great joy and happiness.
Treasure	Something precious or valuable that is highly prized.	Confident	Having self-assurance and belief in one's abilities.
Sorrow	A feeling of deep sadness or grief.	Enthusiastic	Showing great excitement or passion for something.
Courage	The ability to face danger or difficulties with bravery.	Generosity	The act of being kind and giving to others without expecting anything in return.
Eager	Having a strong desire or enthusiasm for something.	Anxious	Feeling nervous or worried about something.
Gratitude	A feeling of thankfulness or appreciation.	Marvel	To be filled with wonder and amazement.
Fearless	Showing no fear or bravery in the face of danger.	Desperate	Feeling a strong sense of urgency or a need for something.