



Let's write a short story

Secondary, 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

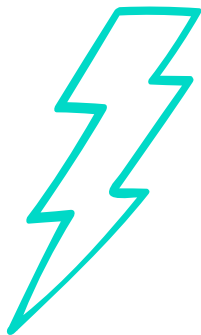
and be ready to share with the class.

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	

Creating your persona

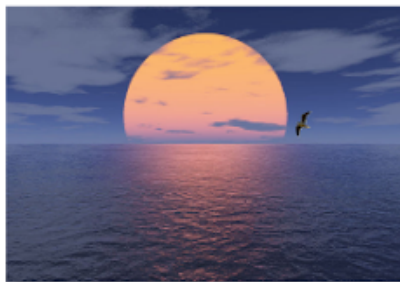
Create a three dimensional character by annotating this page with all of your ideas for them.



My character's name is...

Creating your location

What locations do each of these images inspire you to think of?
Are there other locations that you'd like to explore?



The location I am choosing is...

Be ready to share...

My character is about to/has just...	
He/She/They are	
Their overarching emotion is...	
They feel ... because ...	

What does 'good' look like?

Use the space around the extract to annotate...

"We'll find our way back," he'd said, a promise etched into my soul. But I wish I'd defied him earlier, summoning the courage to push against the relentless tide.

They never found him.

The toxicity of hope initially consumed me, but now it's the poison of regret that pulses through every inch of me.

My journey home stretched on, a maze of shattered dreams. His words haunted me, while self-recrimination blurred day into night. As months passed, the bitterness of unfulfilled hope transformed into a corrosive regret. It whispered that I should have fought harder, spoken my truth when it mattered.

Now, I'm left with the shards of a broken spirit, a heart scarred by the weight of what could have been. The toxicity of hope has given way to the relentless torment of regret, each pulse a reminder of a life irrevocably altered. The journey back might be an unattainable dream, but I can't help but wonder if I'll ever find my way back to the person I used to be.

And to think, the last thing he ever felt was my hand on his back.

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Unpacking and discussing the WAGOLL

- How does the example begin?
- How does it use **ambiguity**?
- How does it use paragraph variation?
- How does it use sentence variation?
- How does it use metaphor to capture emotions?
- How does the example end?

Building our Success Criteria

What will make your story a successful competition entry?

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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.