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PART ONE: Writing Technique (10 min)

I. WHAT DO WRITERS WRITE?

Stories, letters, lists emails, reminders, journals important thoughts.

How to get **ideas** for a story

- a. Think about something that changed your life.
- b. Think about the things that are important to you and incorporate that into a story.
- c. Think about how you feel about things like poverty, sickness, rollercoasters!

Use a **character** interview

- a. What is your name?
- b. What do you like to eat?
- c. What is your favorite smell?
- d. Have you ever eaten your own feet?
- e. What do you talk like? (Do different accents)

How to establish the **setting** in an interesting and meaningful manner

- a. Think about your interest. I love astronomy which is the study of planets and stars. I also love Science Fiction.

Research

- a. Talk about Jupiter
 1. If you weigh 100 pounds on Earth, you would weigh 264 pounds on Jupiter.
 2. The great red spot on Jupiter is a storm that has been going on for over 300 years.
 3. You can fit 3 planets the size of Earth into Jupiter's great red spot.
 4. The Planet has 63 moons.
 5. Galileo Galilei discovered Jupiter in 1610.

Writing Hooks

Dialogue, adjectives, strong feelings or emotions

- a. I hate beans! They make me gassy and stinky!
- b. I don't like it when my friend calls me a pinhead! It makes me angry on the inside.
- c. What words do you think of when I say:
 1. Homework
 2. Snow Day
 3. Presents

II. JUPITER CHRONICLES

- a. What is Steampunk?
 1. It is an alternate history where starting in the 19th century, everything is powered by steam and electricity was never invented. Airships and robots are widely used and powered by steam.

PART TWO: READERS THEATER (20 min)

III. READERS THEATER (may be altered for age-appropriateness)

PREVIEW: After being reunited with their father, Ian and Callie embark on a journey to return the Water Orb to the Sinu and return to Earth.

GENRE: Steampunk, humor
THEME: Family first
READERS: 7 +

SPECIAL EFFECTS: Groups of 10 or more
READER AGES: 7–12
LENGTH: 8 minutes

Assign each child (or group of children for maximum participation) a sound effect during a reading. Have a practice session by pointing to each child to say their sound. Just mix it up and have fun. The children love this game. When reading the book, point to the appropriate child to sync sound effects to the story.

GOAL: Ian and Callie must return the Orb of Water to the Sinu and then journey home to Earth without the help of their father, First Petros the King of Jupiter.

The Special Effects are:

- a. Fart
- b. Whoosh!
- c. Clank!
- d. Zap!

ROLES:

Narrator

First Petros

Stinky Frank

Ian

Callie

Sinu

A Doomslayer

Citizens of Jupiter

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The Journey Home

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NARRATOR

First Petros, came from a planet that you can sometimes see with your naked eye on a clear night. It's very large and has many moons. It's also very beautiful. It has an orange sky and a bright ocean that is very deep. There are creatures that live there that are not anything like the ones on your world. The Fiegan Firelords who live in the sky and are made entirely of fire. They only appear every 2,000 years and that's if they feel like it. The Sinu live in the ocean below and the only part of them that we've ever seen is an eye that's as large as a ship. The name of that planet is Jupiter.

Jupiter has steam-powered fireflights that shoot people through the air with large bat wings attached and trains that look like large humpback whales swimming through the orange skies as they let out powerful jets of steam through their blowholes.

As beautiful as it is here, it's also beautiful on your planet Earth. First Petros, the king of Jupiter, has two children that live there named Ian and Callie. They're with him on Jupiter and they've just accomplished something wonderful and amazing but that's another story. To journey home, First Petros sends his trusty companion; a steam-powered robot named Stinky Frank. His daughter Callie came up with his name.

First Petros (pretends to press a button)

Stinky Frank, report to my ready room! Bring Ian and Callie with you!

Stinky Frank

Coming sir!

SFX: Fart

First Petros

I hear them coming.

SFX: Fart
SFX: Clang
SFX: Fart
SFX: Clang

Stinky Frank

Yes sir! You called for me sir!

SFX: Fart
SFX: Clang

Ian and Callie

Hi Dad!

First Petros

Stinky, you're in charge. I want you to take this orb back to the Sinu in the oceans below. Then take Ian and Callie safely back to Earth. Be very careful that you don't run into any Doomslayers along the way!

Stinky Frank

Yes sir! You can count on me sir!

SFX: Fart
SFX: Clang

Callie (writes in her journal)

Dear Journal, we are going on a trip with a smelly robot. Since Ian smells too I'll blame it all on him.

Ian

Don't start, Callie!

Callie

Dad, are you coming with us?

First Petros

No, Callie. I must stay here and see to the rebuilding of our planet.

Ian

But Dad, we just got back together after you've been missing for so long.

First Petros

I'm sorry Ian. I must remain. The people need me now more than ever.

Stinky Frank

Do not worry, my king. I will return the orb safely and then the children.

First Petros

Thank you, my steam-powered friend.
Remember the words from the book of Jupiter.

Citizens of Jupiter

May bonds of family never fail
Through distant skies this rock prevails
And through the storms of colored skies
May family stand and love arise

First Petros

Very good, now on your way!

Ian

Goodbye, Dad. I'll miss you.

Callie

Bye Dad, I'll miss you too.

First Petros

I will miss you as well, my children.

Narrator

The children boarded the Skyrocket Juno to return the Orb of Water to the Sinu when they were met with a Doomslayer en route.

SFX: Whoosh!

SFX: Fart

SFX: Clang

Doomslayer

This is Doomslayer 1701. Stop where you are and prepare to be boarded!

Callie

What do you want Mr. Noodle maker?

Doomslayer

Doomslayer, I said Doomslayer!

Ian

Don't listen to my sister. We are on a mission to return the orb of water to the Sinu.

Callie (writes in her journal)

Dear Journal, my brother thinks he's a big shot because he saved this world. I think he needs some cheese in his trousers to keep him humble.

Doomslayer

You are aboard the Juno, where is First Petros, the King?

Stinky Frank

SFX: Fart

He is on urgent business.

Doomslayer

Then we will take your ship and First Petros will pay to have you returned!

Narrator

The Doomslayer then fired a tractor beam.
(pretend there is a tractor beam that ensnares the Juno)

Stinky Frank

Oh my! The Doomslayer has taken control of our ship!
SFX: Fart

Callie

Ian, you smell!

Ian

It's not me, Callie! Cut it out!

Stinky Frank

What do we do?
SFX: Fart SFX: Clang

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The ship starts to rock back and forth from the tractor beam.

SFX: Fart
SFX: Clang

Ian

We're trapped! Get us out of here!

Stinky Frank

I am trying Ian but the tractor beam is too strong!
SFX: Fart
SFX: Clang

Callie

Do you want me to get out and push?

Ian

We're in space, Callie! What are you thinking?

Callie

I'm thinking you're not going to get us anywhere by yelling at me.

Narrator

The ship started to rock even more violently when suddenly . . .

SFX

Zap!

Ian

The tractor beam has been released!

Narrator

The large eye of the Sinu peered through the window.

Sinu

I have destroyed the doomslayer only because you have something that
belongs to the Sinu.

And I see that First Petros is not among you.

Where is he?

Stinky Frank

SFX: Fart

He is on urgent business mighty Sinu!

Sinu

This must be a trick. First Petros would never send two children and one smelly robot on such an urgent mission. You must prove to me that you are who you say you are. If you have read the Book of Jupiter then you must know the secret to turning on the orb. If you do not, we will destroy your ship.

Callie (writing in her journal)

Dear Journal, I think my brother is about to get his smelly pants in a whole lot of trouble!

Sinu

Silence! Show me that you can pass the test!

Stinky Frank (walks up to the orb)

Oh my. I suppose if I'm in charge I should begin.

SFX: Fart

I give up.

Narrator

Stinky Frank quickly found out that he could not turn on the orb.

Callie

Nice going, Stinky.

Ian

My turn.

Narrator

Ian connected an imaginary crank and started cranking up the orb faster and faster until he was too exhausted.

Narrator

He quickly learned that he could not turn on the orb either.

Callie

What's the point?

Narrator

And Callie didn't bother trying.

Sinu

All three of you have tried turning on the orb by yourselves and you cannot. Therefore we will destroy your ship and take the orb ourselves.

First Petros (comes flying in on a fireflight)

Stop!

First Petros

Turning on the orb cannot be done by any one of us. It must be done together

Narrator

First Petros, Ian, Callie and Stinky Frank stood around the orb and recited the oath.

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Narrator

The orb finally came on! The Sinu accepted the orb and agreed to allow them to continue their journey.

First Petros

I'm sorry I sent you on this mission alone kids. I should have come with you. I should always be with you. We will all travel together to Earth where we will take a nice long vacation.

Narrator

And they travelled to Earth to be reunited with their mother Camilla, who anxiously awaited their arrival with some hot, freshly baked cherrie pie. As they gathered in the kitchen they all knew without speaking a word that family is the most important thing in the world. Family keeps us from doing the wrong thing and it is family that builds us up and encourages us when we need it most. And that no matter where your mom and dad are at any given moment or if grandma or grandpa are in a far away place, we should always remember the one thing that will make us strong.

Family is forever.

Everyone

I love cherry pie.

PART THREE: Q&A (10 min)

notes:

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