WHO are YOU??

Before we officially begin,
DO THIS:

1. Choose a jar of Play-Doh, a paintchip, or a photo card.

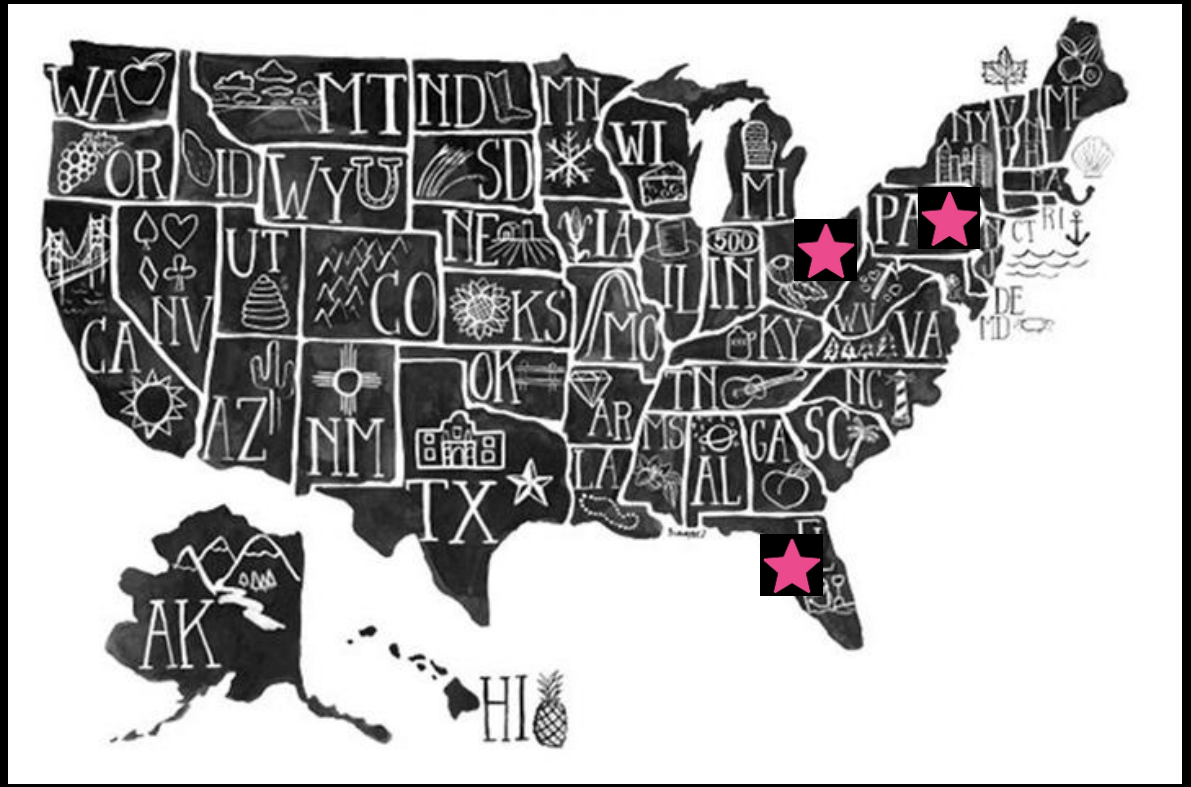
2. Create a metaphor to symbolize how you currently view the ridiculous idea of teaching students how to write a novel in 30 days.

3. Grab a Post-It and explain your metaphor.

I chose an Instant Pot because it feels like this unit could explode at any minute!

WHO AM I?

East Coast to....

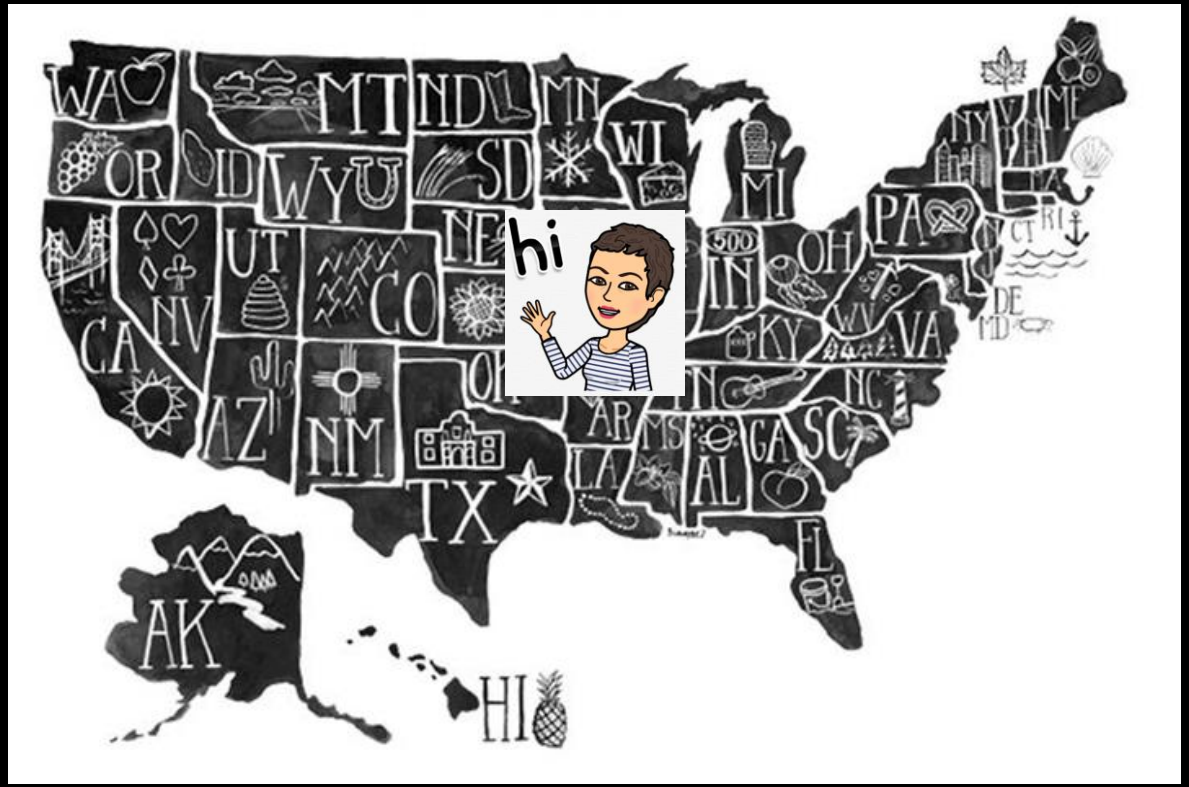


WHO AM I?

...West Coast to...

who am I?

...No Coast



My Origin Story with this Madness

...like any good teaching idea...

National Novel Writing Month

NaNoWriMo

a.k.a. November

1:1 school...now!

ywp.nanowrimo.org

Students are...

Writing!

Editing!

Super happy!

Looking at the week ahead!

Updating their word count!

Writing!

Sharing!

WRITING!

Our Time Together

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BUT WHY?

Teaching kids to read like a writer and write like a reader.

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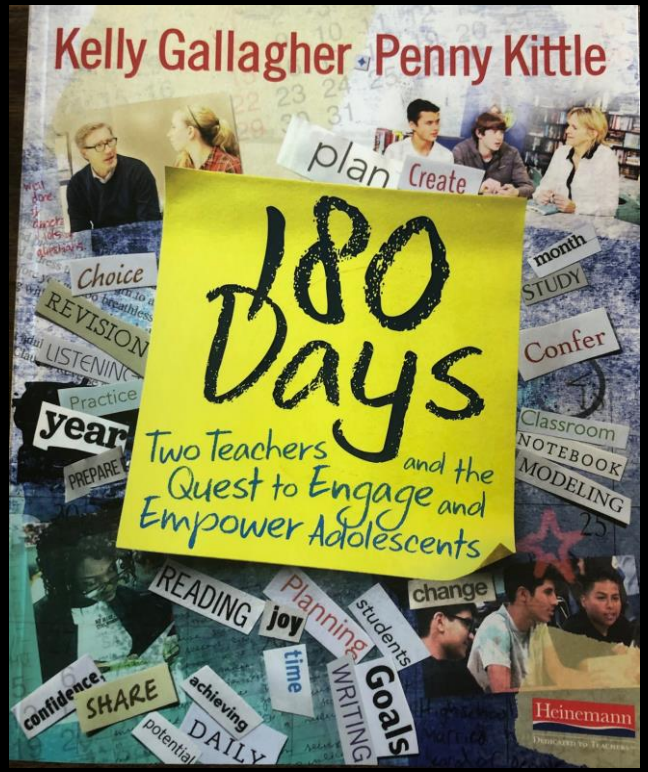
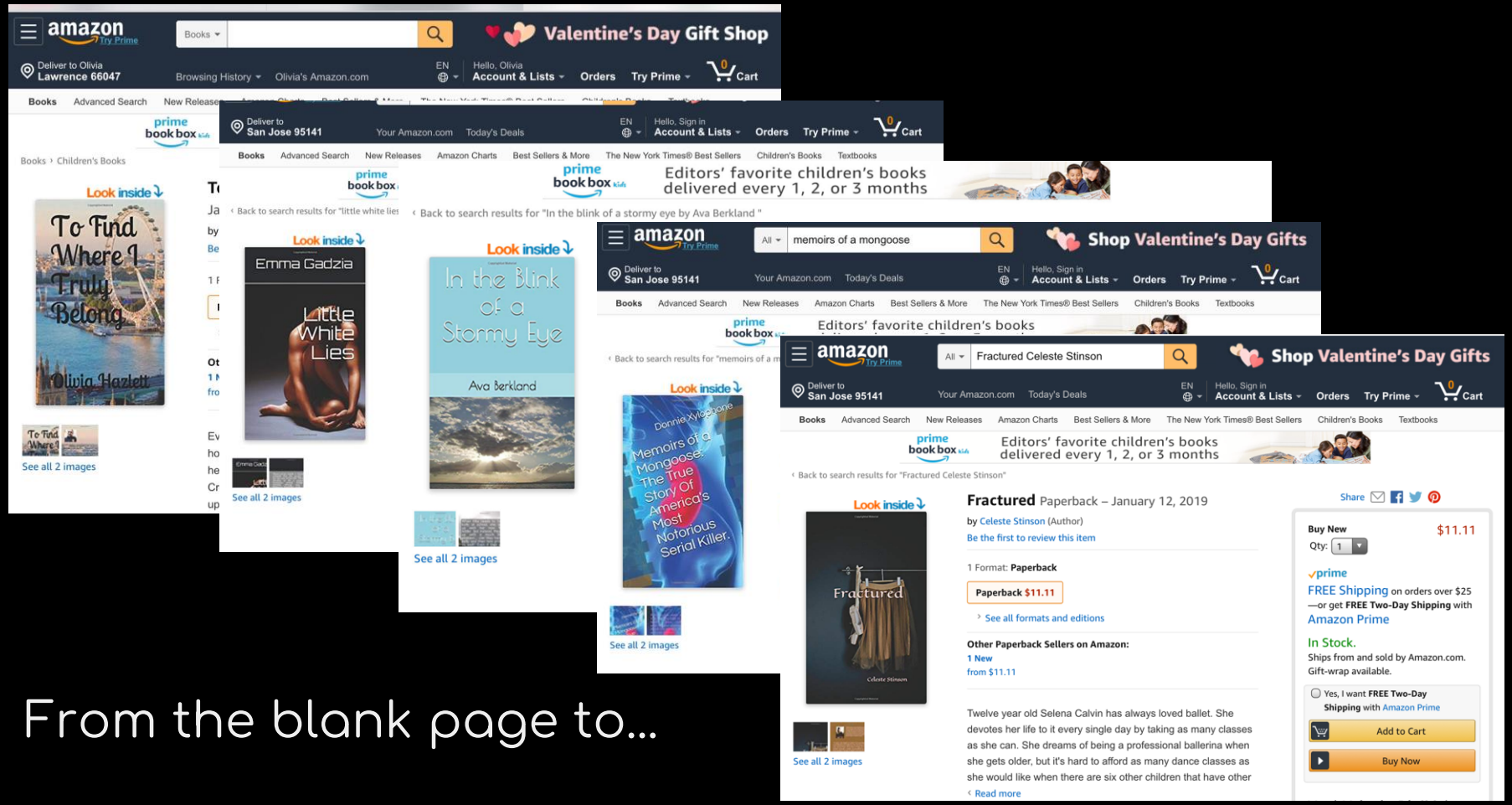
"As we help students notice what writers are doing and have them imitate those moves to make their own writing better, they will recognize more of these moves in their independent reading."





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BUT HOW??

Step #1

Demystify writing from the first day of school

The Almighty Fast Write

He arrived at school and everything was different.

Well, that was unexpected.

Drip, drip, drip.

Oh? Oh. Oh!

What would you add?

BUT HOW??

Step #1

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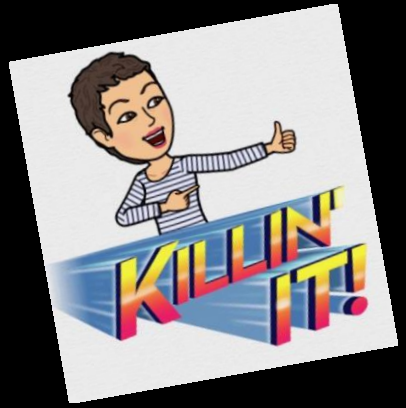
The Almighty Fast Write

Step #2

Let them proclaim from the mountaintop

while you react like this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IT!

I'M A FAN!

WOW
!!!

SUPER

FAN-F@!#ING
TASTIC!

AWESOME!

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The Structure Behind the Madness

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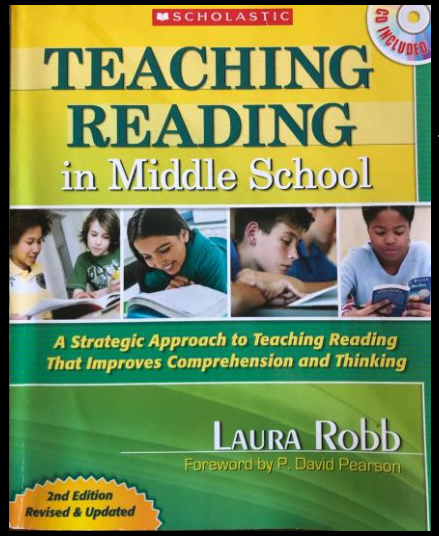

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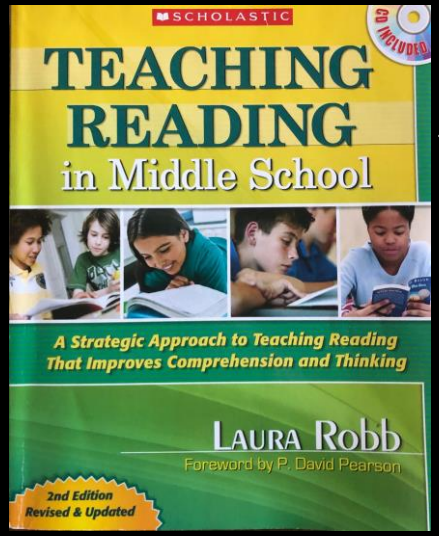

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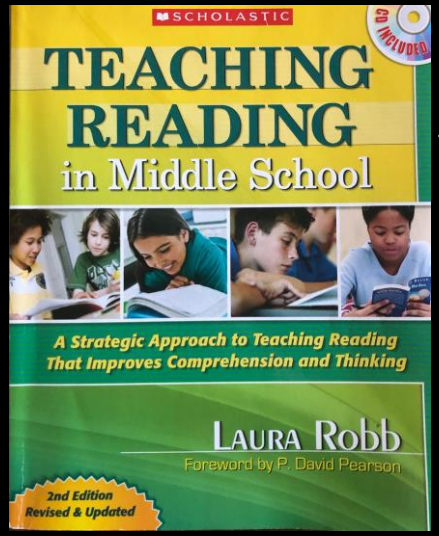

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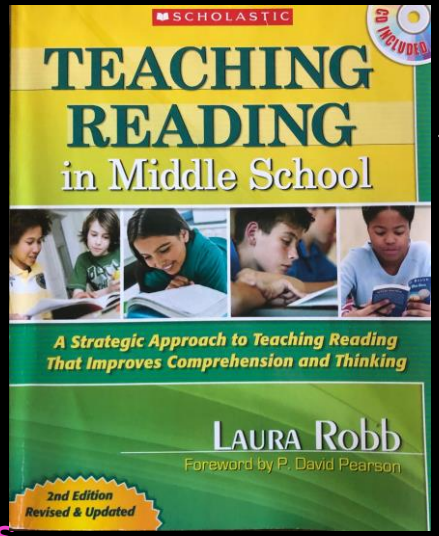

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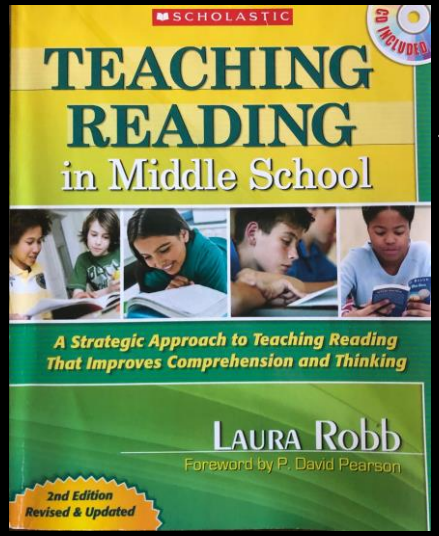

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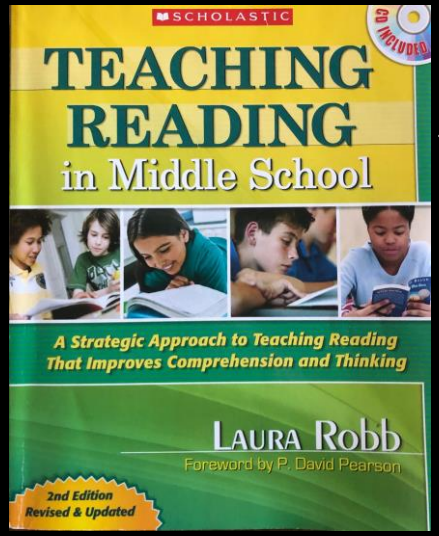

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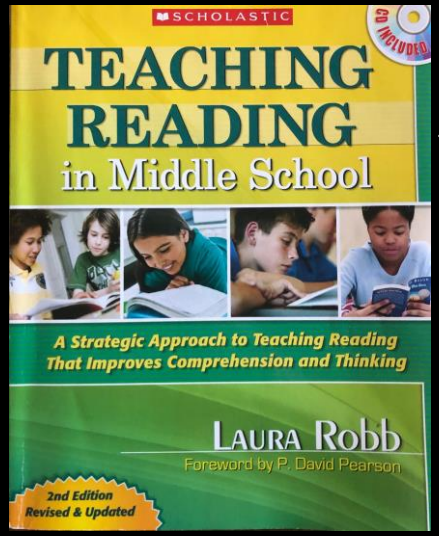

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What They Learn...

- Dialogue (Tip: Teach this in October to prevent very angry writers.)
- Subordinating Conjunctions
- Apostrophes
- Word Choice
- Building Suspense
- Adding Details

...In Just 30 Days!

PLUS!

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Choose a
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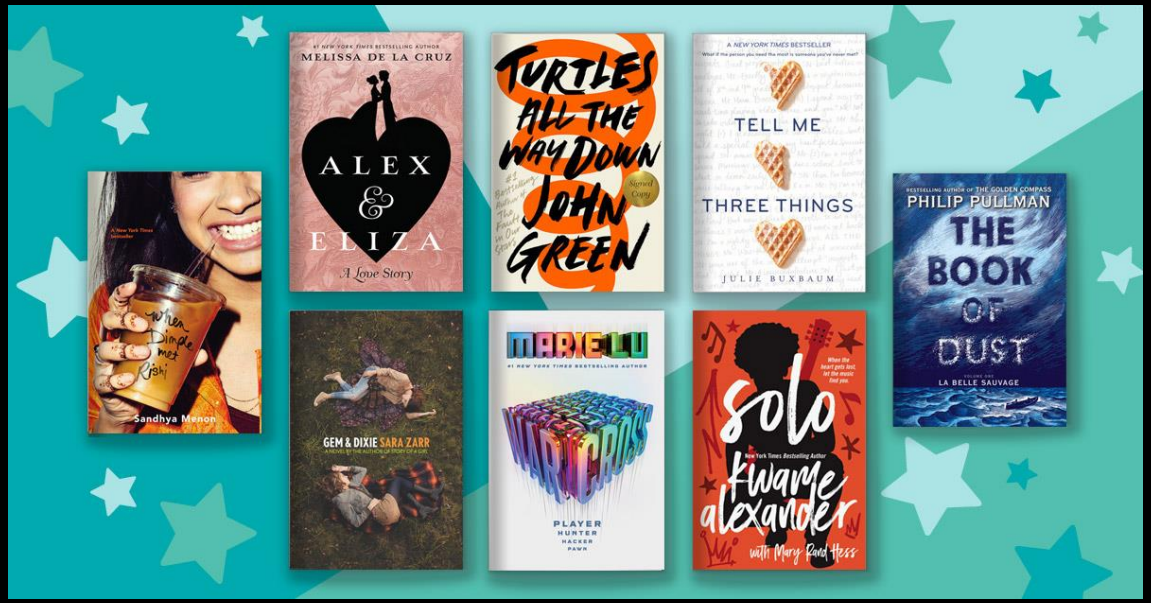
Their Model Novel

"Oh, you like that it is..."



Things you will inevitably hear

"I am so excited for NaNo! I can, like, hardly wait!"

The Week Before The Madness

1. **Creating a Character**
2. Creating Conflict
3. Planning the Plot
4. The First Words

1. Creating a Character

Back to the Model Novel

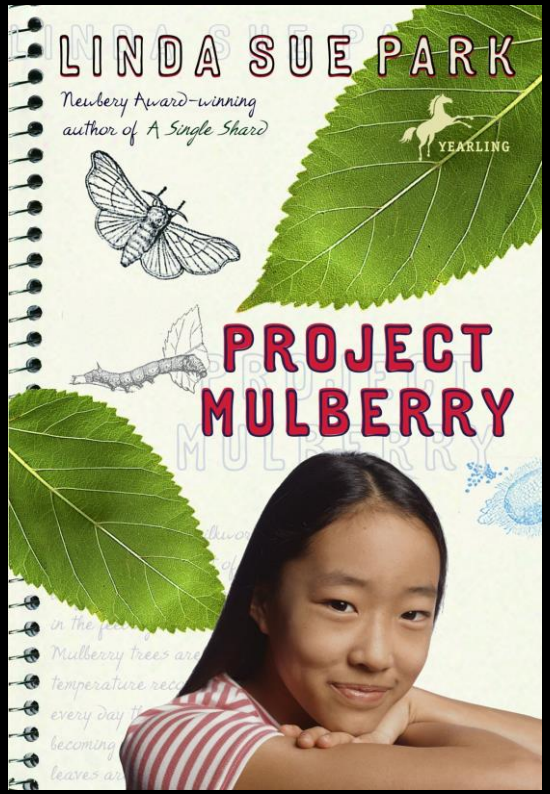
Character comes first...

Your goal is to hear:

"My character has already started bugging me!"

"Me too!"

1. Creating a character



Me: Do you want my opinion? I am not happy with the way things are going here. I hate the project idea, Kenny is driving me nuts, and I still haven't found another Connecticut.

Ms. Park: Actually, no—I don't want your opinion. In fact, I have to admit, this is weird for me. I've written other books, and only *once* has a character ever talked to me. You talk to me *all the time*, and I'm finding that hard to get used to.

Me: Like right now, while you're in the—ahem—bathroom. Well, I don't care whether you want my opinion or not—you're getting it. *That was a terrible chapter.*

Ms. Park: Would it help if I said I'm sorry you're having such a hard time?

Me: If you were *really* sorry, you'd go back and rewrite it.

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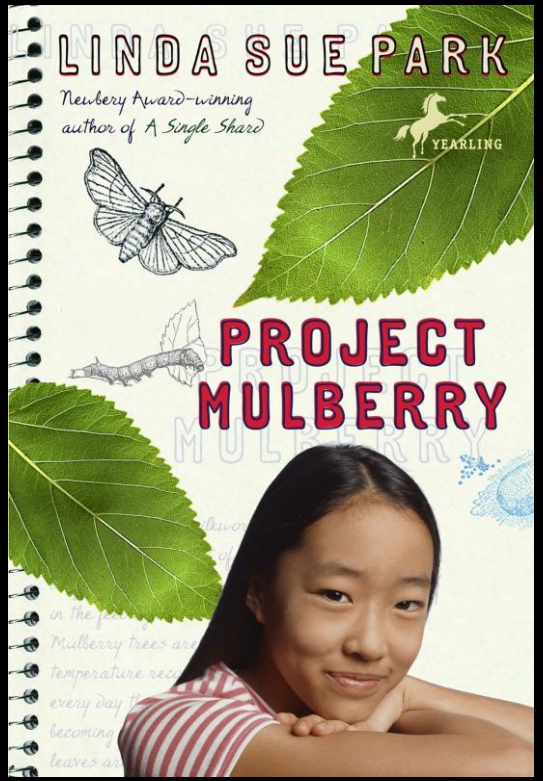

Me: I'm feeling a little better.

Ms. Park: Glad to hear it.

Me: Told you I could fix things.

Ms. Park: But now you have to do the project.

Me: I know, I know. And I still think it's too Korean. But I'm getting some ideas on how I can fix that, too.

Ms. Park: So I noticed. In fact, that whole flag thing was *your* idea. What I mean is, while I was working on that scene when you were drawing and doodling, I tried my very hardest to be you. I even took a pencil and started drawing flowers, and then stars. I don't know if the flag idea would have come up if I hadn't been imagining I was you.

Things you will inevitably hear

"BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PROBLEM?!"

(For the most accuracy, read that in a shouting voice through gritted teeth)

The week before the madness

1. creating a character
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2. Creating Conflict

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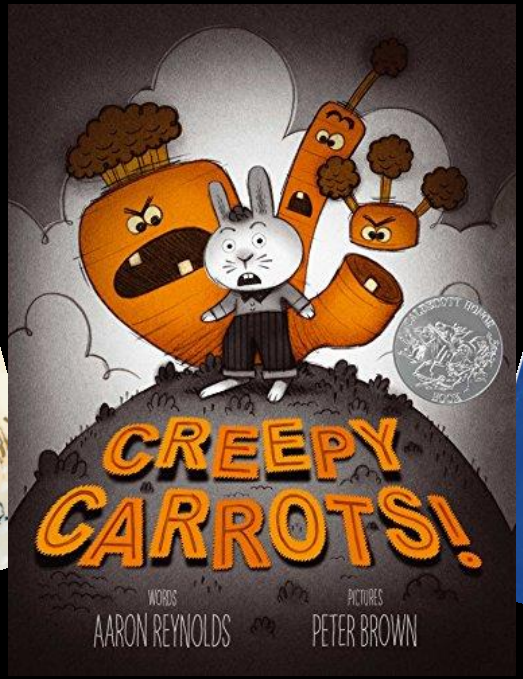
Internal & External

2. creating conflict

Picture Book Read Alouds



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It's a Rollercoaster...

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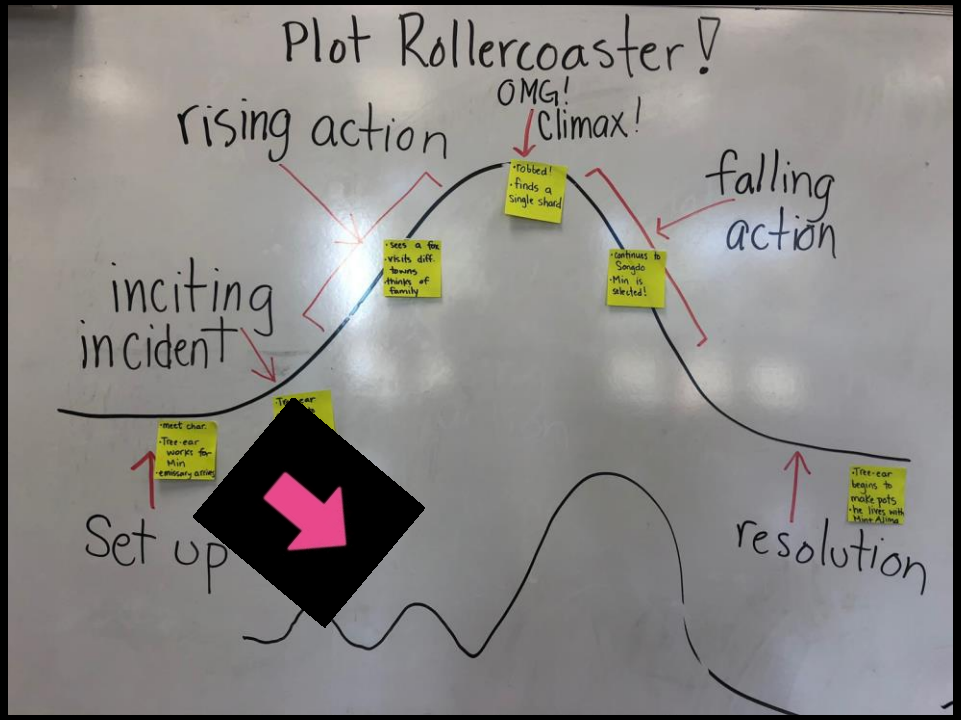

“What are you planning?”

KENNEDY
FREEDOM FROM FEAR
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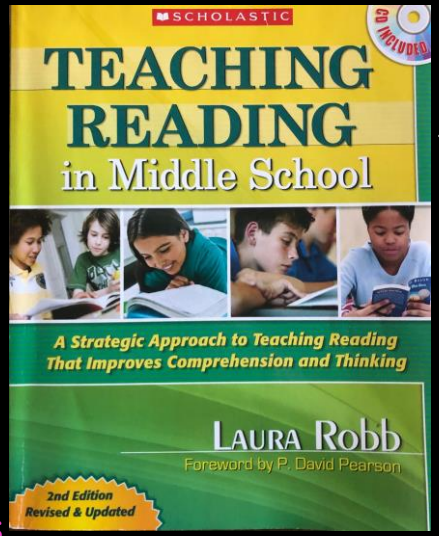

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"Yes!"

Just say it. All the time. Every day in October.

"Can I...?"	"Yes!"
"Can my character...?"	"For Sure!"
"What if...?"	"Awesome!"
"May I bring you a coconut milk latte?"	"Definitely!"

Remember Teaching Dialogue Rules in October?

Magazines

+

Characters

=

Dialogue Rules Review!

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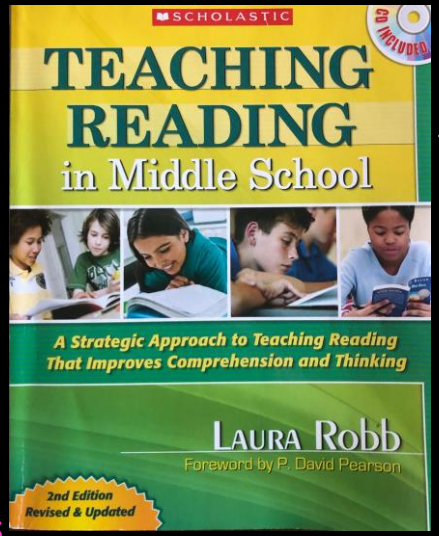

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4. Eek! The First Words

Back to the Model Novel

How and Where to Begin

4. Eek! The First Words

Some famous first words...

Mr. and Mrs. Dursley, of number four, Privet Drive, were proud to say that they were perfectly normal, thank you very much. They were the last people you'd expect to be involved in anything strange or mysterious, because they just didn't hold with such nonsense.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone
by J.K. Rowling

4. Eek! The First Words

Some famous first words...

It was almost December, and Jonas was beginning to be frightened.

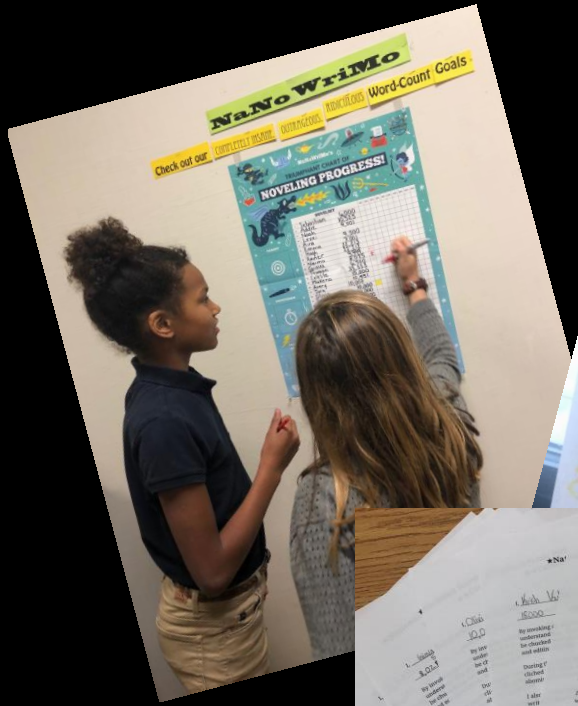
The Giver by Lois Lowry

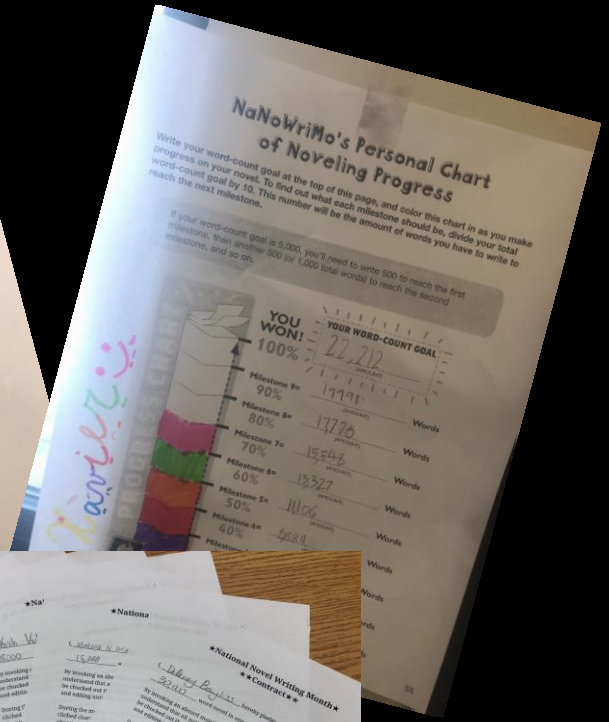
How many words??

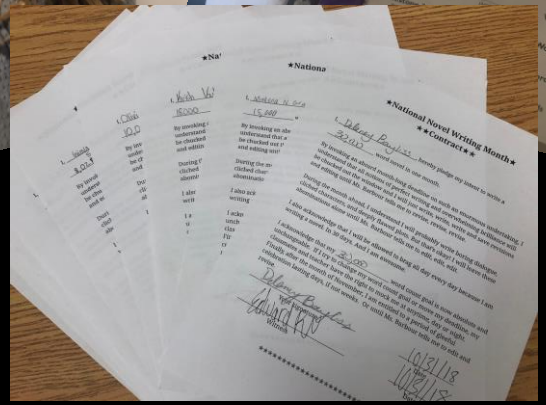
A “Reasonable” Goal

Public Progress Charts

Super Official Contract







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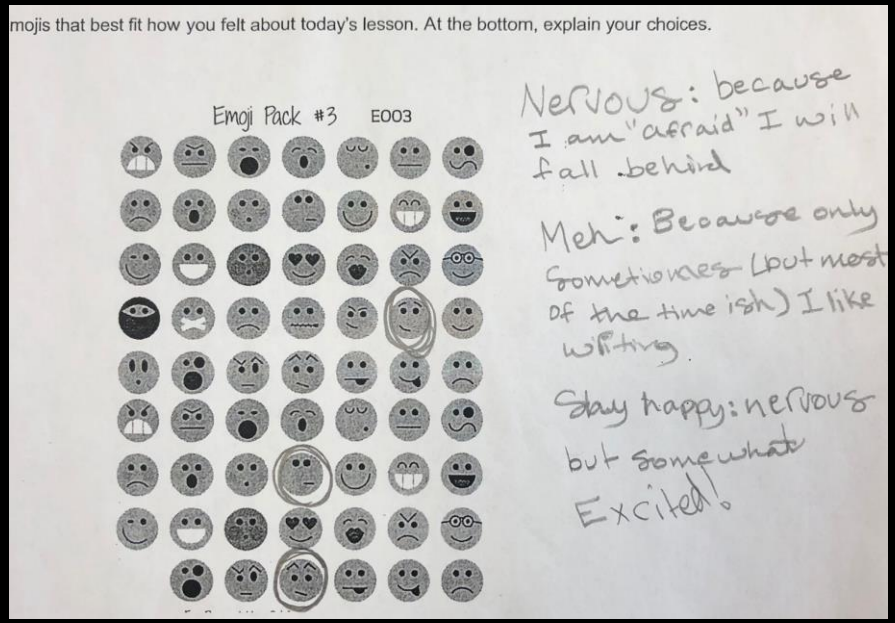
- ★ Characters
- ★ Main Conflict
- ★ Planned Plot
- ★ Possible First Words
- ★ Lots of Emotion!

Say it with an emoji...or 3

"I'm super excited to start writing!"

"I'm very excited but also very nervous!"

"I'm afraid I will fall behind."



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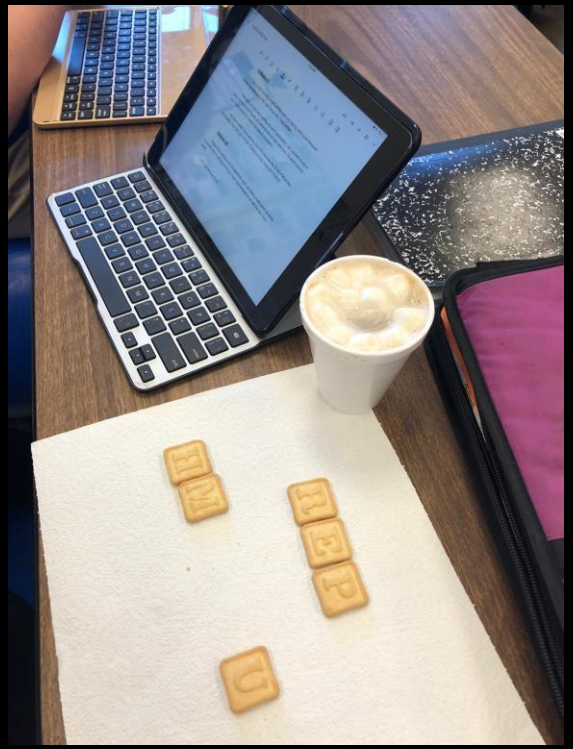

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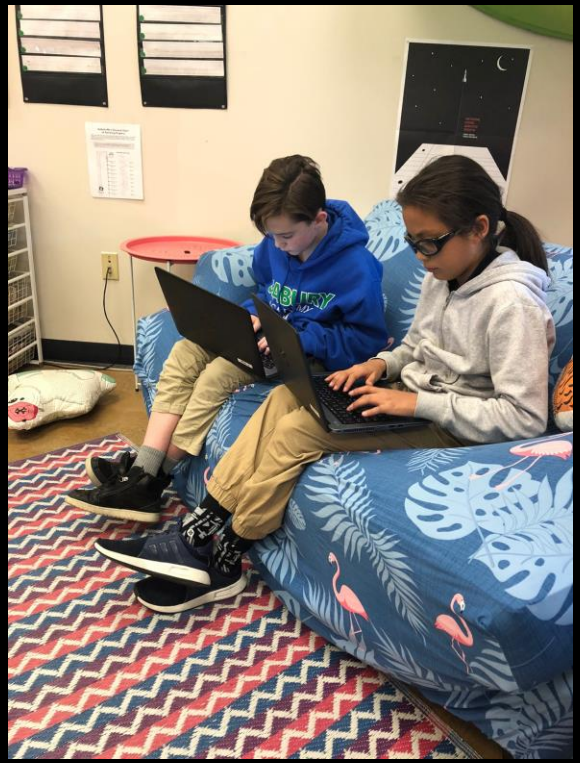
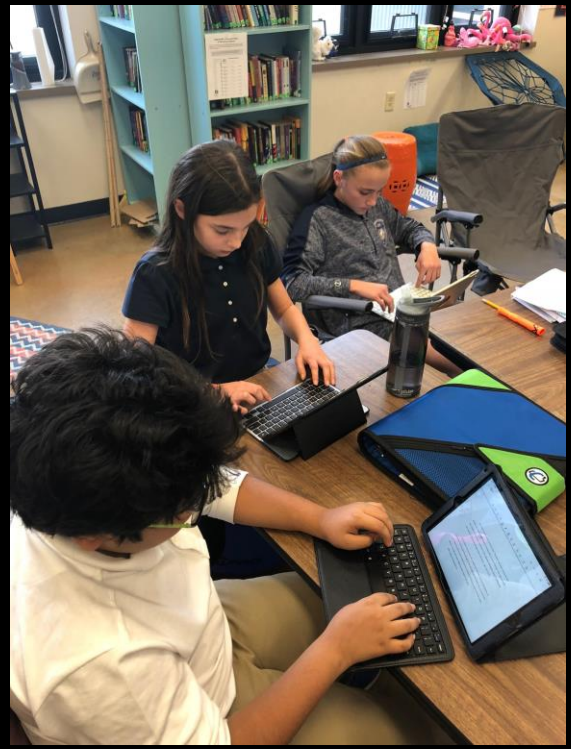
Writing!





Creating!

Planning Ahead

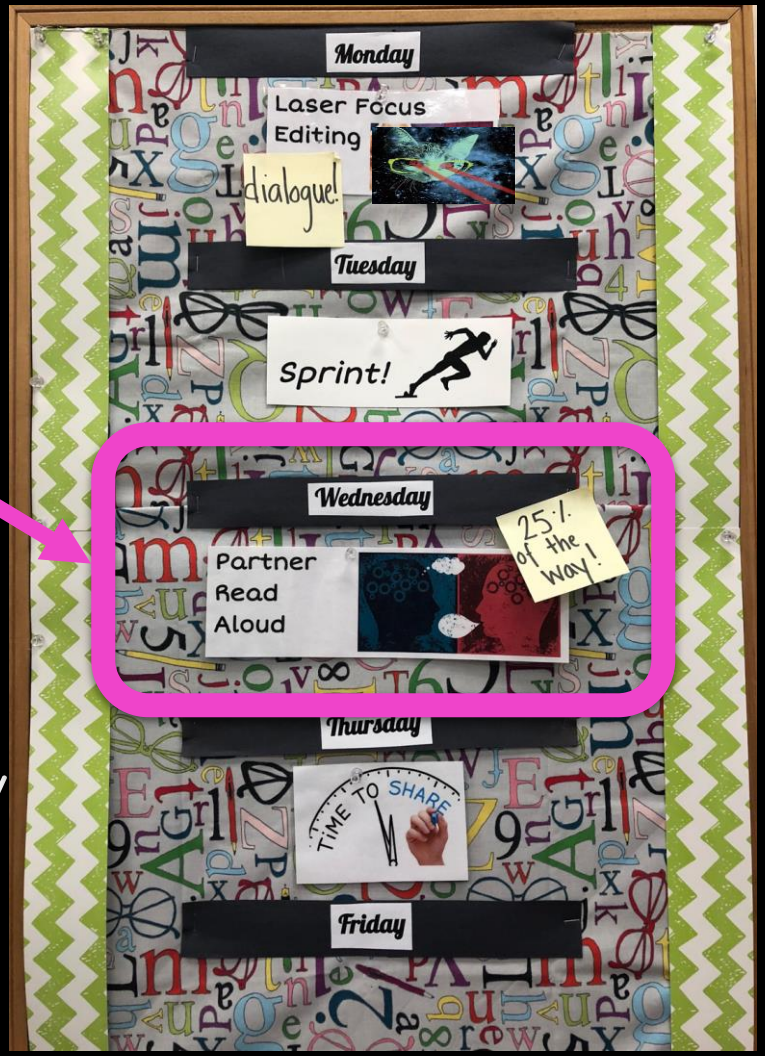
What can students expect?

Nano Groups

A, B, and C Members

Heterogeneous Grouping

Who shares first?
- Longest hair
- Nearest upcoming birthday
- Fewest siblings
- Most pets



The Writing Conference

My teacher will...

- Ask questions and listen carefully
- Read your writing
- Give direction/advice
- Direct you to improve writing
- Promise to check-in again in a few days

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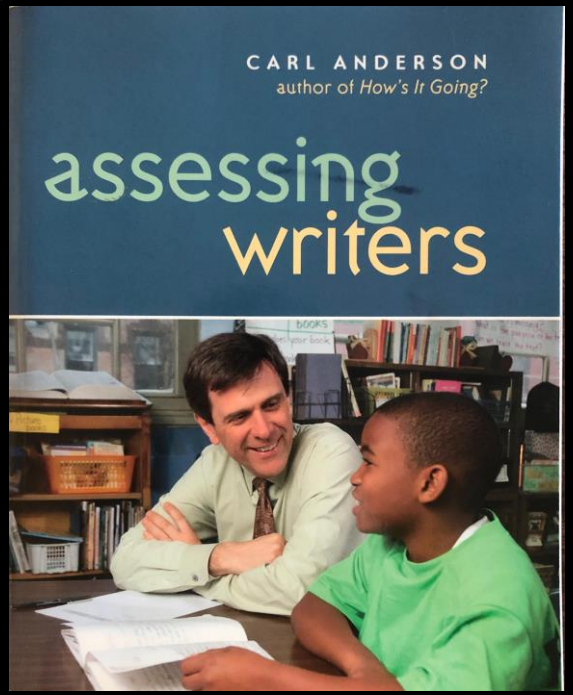

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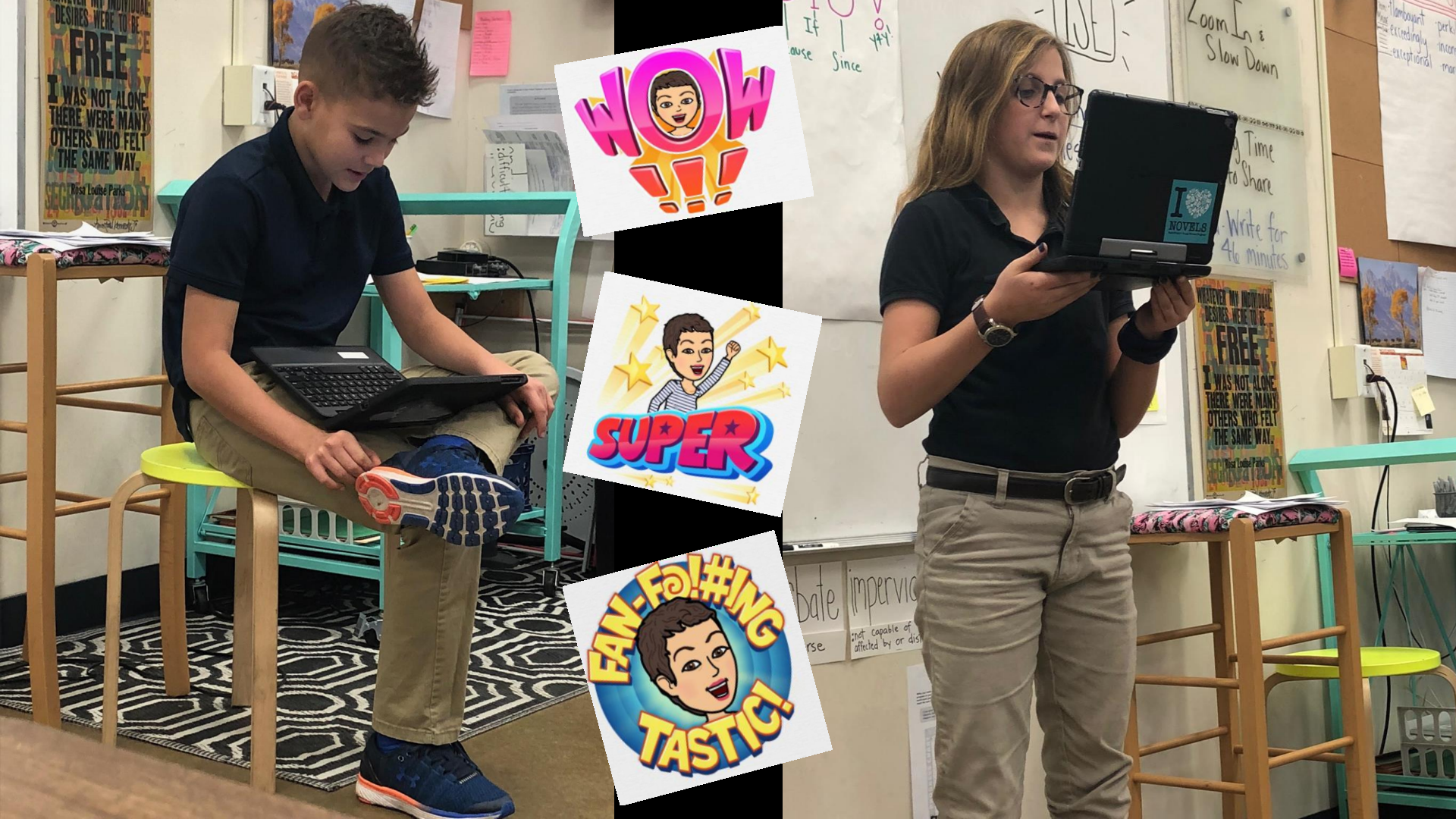
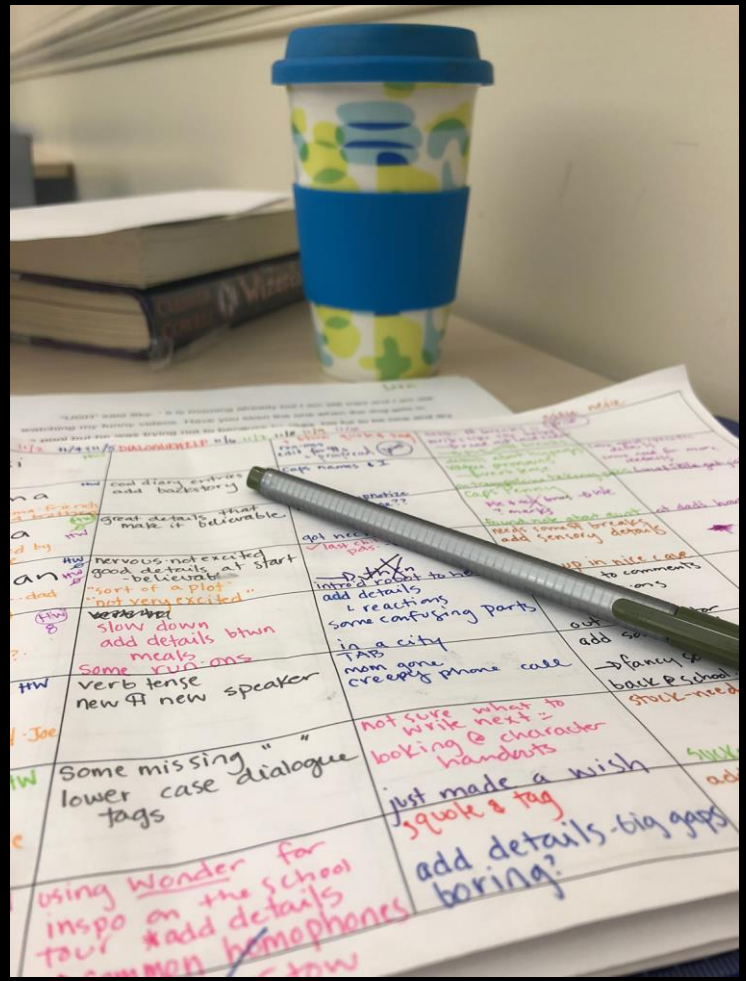

WOW
SUPER
FAN-FO!#ING TASTIC!
Zoom In & Slow Down
Write for 46 minutes
I NOVELS

Things you will inevitably hear

"Can we use cuss words?"

ead, read, read, read, read, read, read, read, read,re

My absolute most treasured item during November



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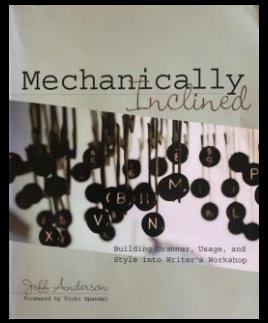
Dialogue Rules!



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Jeff Anderson's
"E-Lane Edit"

Find & Replace

Grade it!

Scroll.

Read.

Assess.

Day 7

zoom in and slooooooooow down

zoom in and slooooooooow down

Sergio, a rock, a window, and a stepmother

zoom in and slooooooooow down

Soooooooooooooooooo many more words!

...or, to be exact, an additional 139 words.

zoom in and slooooooow down

Sergio threw the rock and broke his stepmother's car window. His stepmother was angry and yelled at him from the front door.

zoom in and slooooooow down

"I can't take this anymore," Sergio said under his breath. He bent over and grabbed a handful of chalky gravel from the driveway. He sifted it through his hand, letting the little rocks fall through his fingers. They landed back on the ground with a light pitter patter. Finally he was holding just one egg-sized stone. He wiped the sweat off his face. It tasted like salt and fear, but he ignored the fear. "I don't care what she does." His hand shook slightly as he bent his arm back over his shoulder. He hovered there, heart beating, and held his breath. One second. Two. Then he released. The rock zoomed through the air and smashed into his stepmother's car window with a crash that made Sergio think of waterfalls. The pieces of broken glass exploded into the air and disappeared into the grass. One corner of his lip twisted up into a smile.

"What did you do?" his stepmother shouted.

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Edit own work

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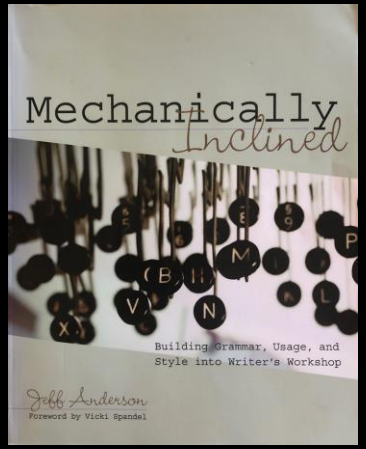
A A A W W U B B I S

After Although While Before If

As When Until Because Since



Comma Causer!

subordinating conjunctions

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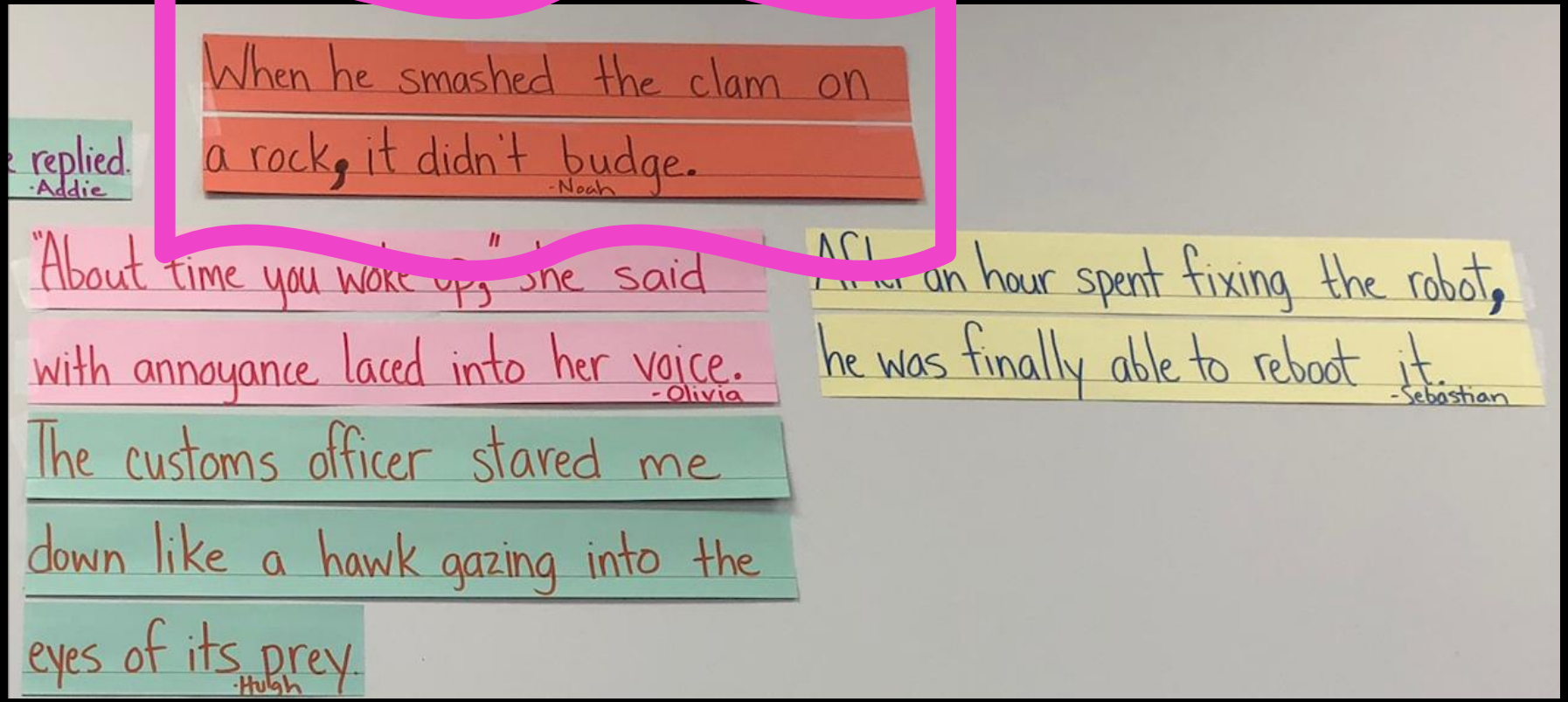

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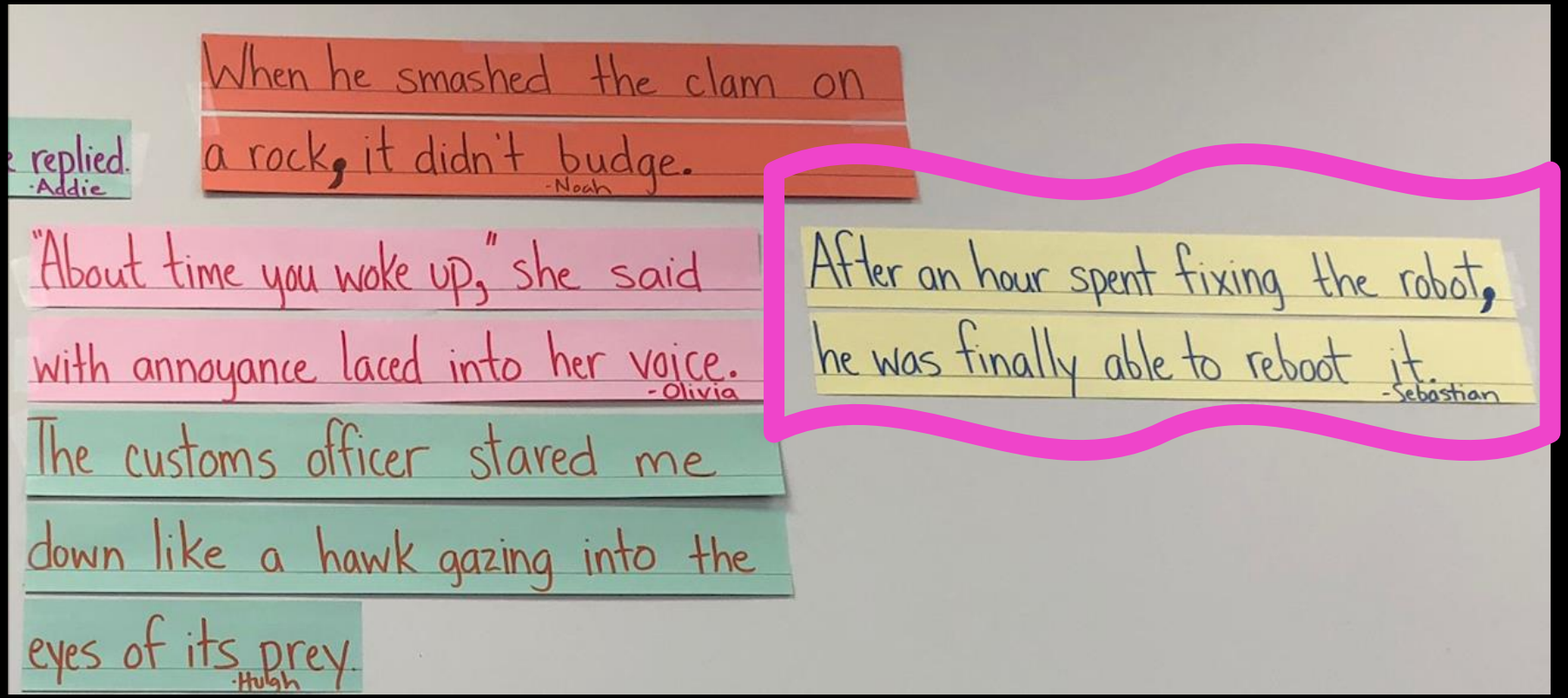

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AAAWWUBBIS Words!

Find & Replace

Grade it!

Find & Replace

Read.

Assess.

Partner
Read
Aloud

Partner
Read
Aloud

Things you will inevitably hear

"I can totally picture my character when I close my eyes. I can just see her."

Things you will inevitably hear

"My character is harassing me! All night!"

Things you will inevitably hear

"Can we just write for the whole period?"

ead, read, read, read, read, read, read, read, read,re

The struggle is real

I often find myself having trouble inviting them to have a conference. I don’t want to interrupt their flow.

Model for Responsive Teaching

Teacher presents lesson

Whole group practices

Teacher observes and takes notes

Teacher finds patterns and organizes groups

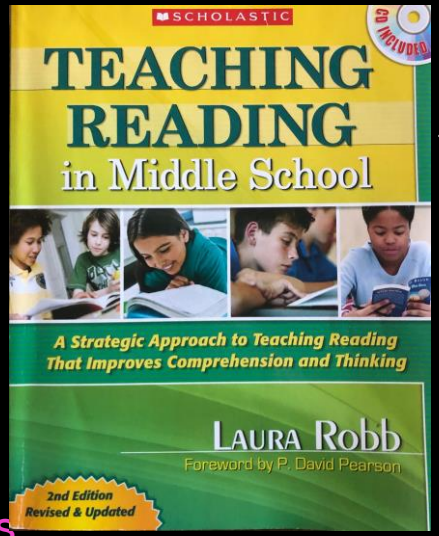
Teacher meets with small groups

Teacher meets one-on-one

Students work independently

Students apply skill independently

Teacher observes and takes notes



Adapted from:

“I noticed you were doing _____ in your novel

and so I wanted to show you _____”

Day 14

Things you will inevitably hear

"Tell me if you think this aligns with my characters."

Emulate Everyone!

Aidan

Hey babe where are you?

Lola?

Please answer

Lola we need to talk!

LOLA

Okay we actually need to talk, this is really scaring me

She keeps saying these things about you

Is it true?

I just need to hear from you please answer!

Lola I care about you so much is it true that you never liked me?!

Almost immediately she knew what had happened. She slid into to Olivia's DM's on Instagram, they needed to have a little talk.

@Olivia_Silver-Stone

Lola: What have you done?!

Emulate Everyone!

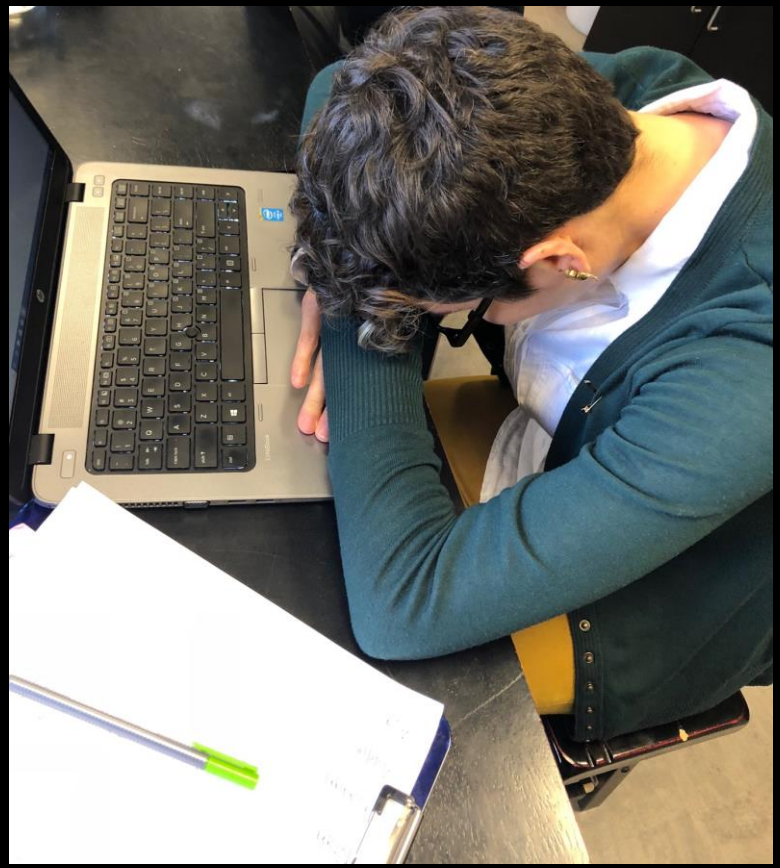
When the room stopped spinning, it was impossible to tell which door they had came from. A piece of paper lay in the middle of the floor. Annalise was sure it hadn't been there before. She knelt, and picked it up. A small volt of electricity went up her arm. There was a faint brown stain on the corner of the brittle parchment. Something that might have been blood. With trembling fingers, she read it aloud in whisper tones.

The Chamber Riddle

The doors around you have a mate with a single key.
You must choose a door to take, but beware, you see,
For two doors of the six lead you to your doom.
One door seals you in, traps you in the gloom.
One door takes you, back to wherever from which you came.
But then you are no closer, to what you wish to gain.
The kindest door transports you, back up with the sun.
The last door is the one leads to what you seek, if you want to come.
Because know that this one still might lead you, to a hero's death,
You might succeed or could breath your final breath.
If outside a single hour, you still are pondering here,
Too late, the choice is gone, and you will disappear.

Land of Song by Eliza Brockhoff

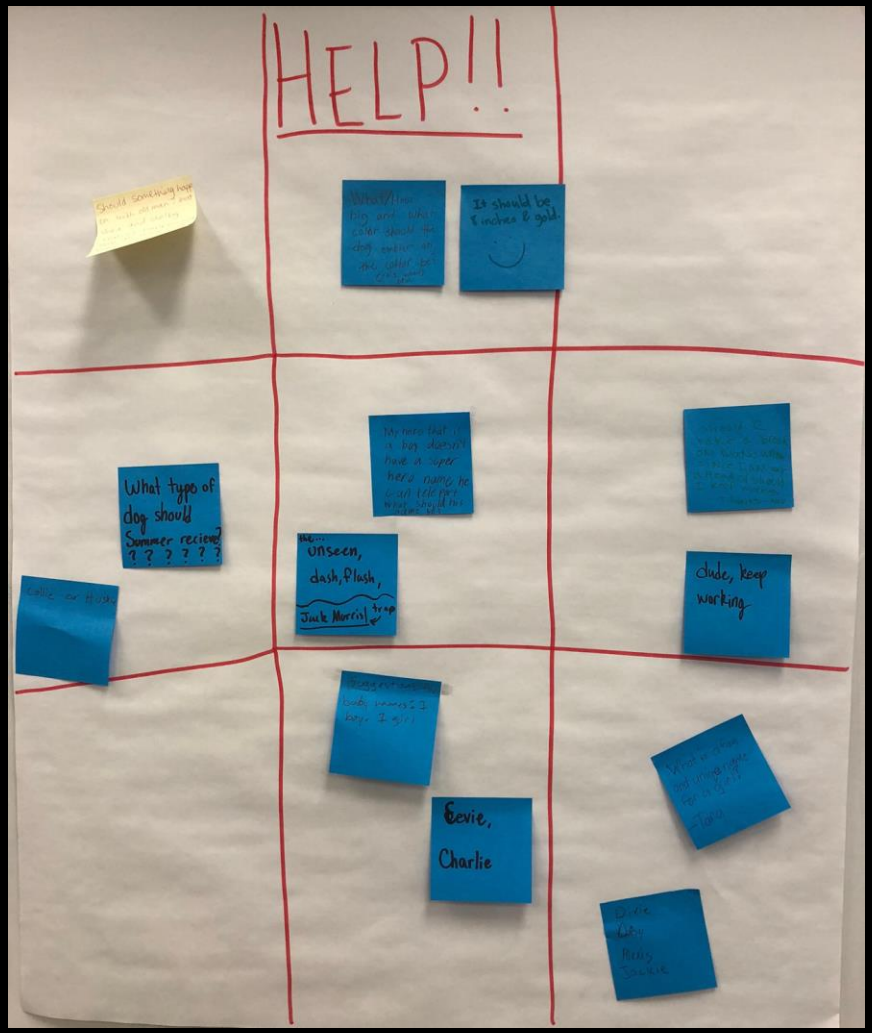
The struggle is real



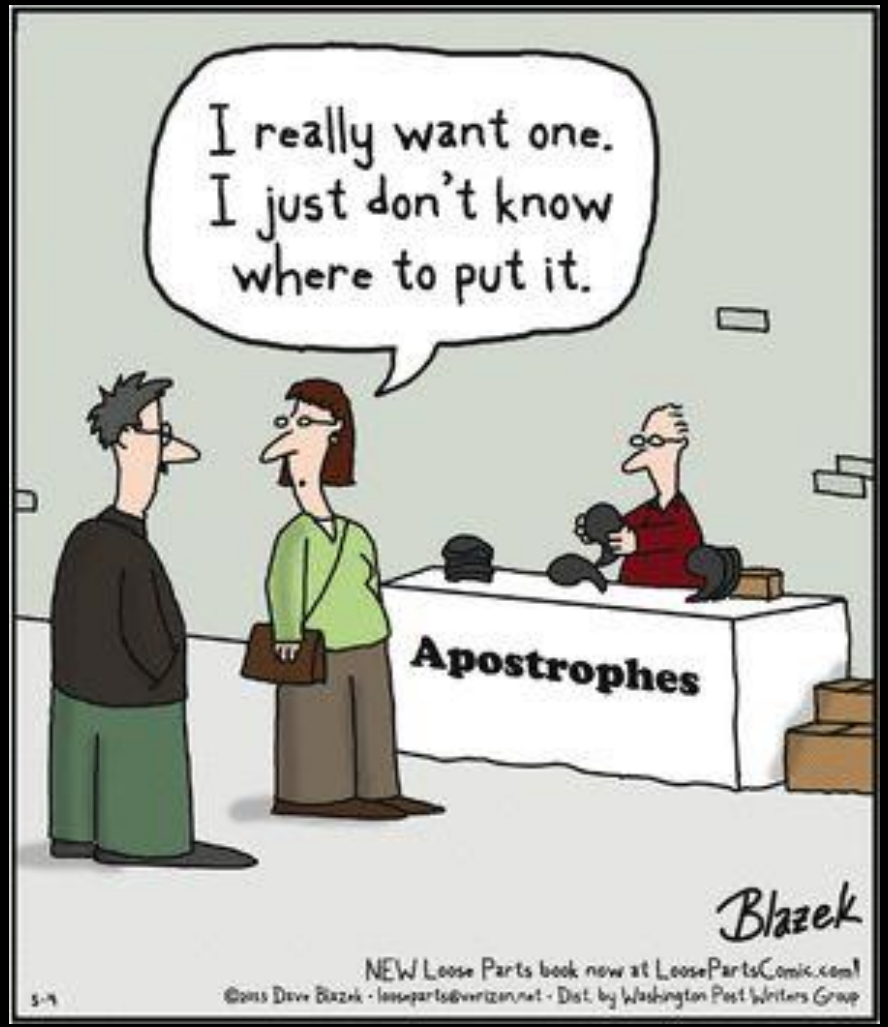
There's only 1 of me...

...but many of them.

Crowdsource it!



The Mind-Bending World of Apostrophes



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Authentic Examples

Back to the Model Novel

Apostrophe

Hunt

On the

Streets

Apostrophe

Hunt

On the

Streets

COMEDY
CENTRAL

Ladie's

Apostrophe

Hunt

On the

Streets

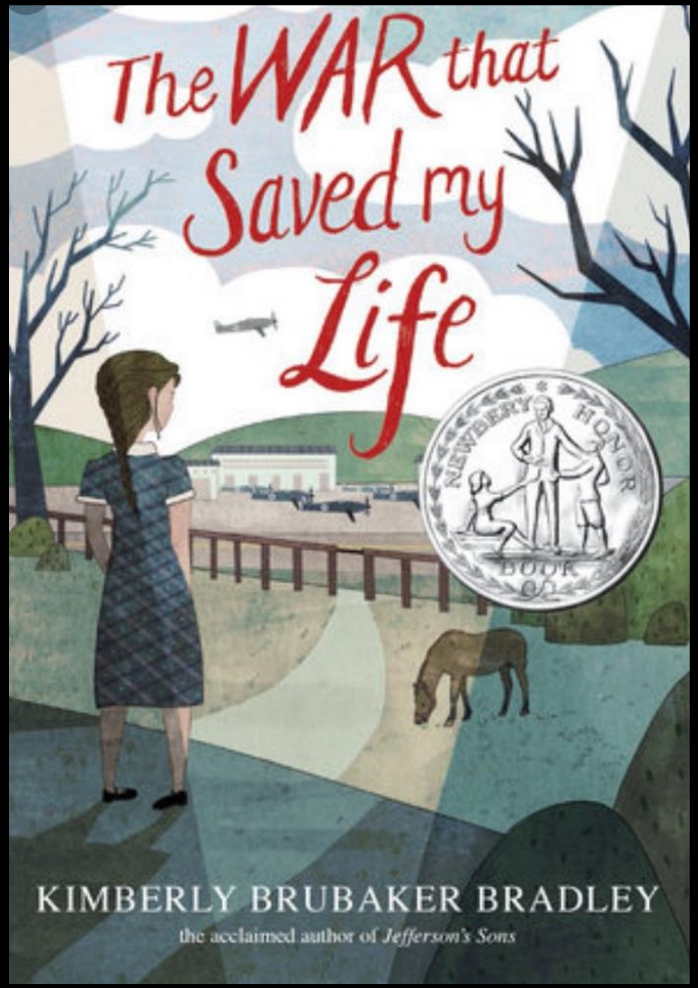
Possessive

Garry owns the running store

(Thanks, Josie!)

Apostrophes-
Not just for boring stuff

Mam smacked me. Hard. My head snapped back against the chair leg and for a moment I saw stars. "Don't you be talkin' to nobody!" Mam said. "I let you look out that window out a' the kindness of my heart, but I'll board it over if you go stickin' your nose out, much less talkin' to anyone!"



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Apostrophes!

Grade it!

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Day 21

The Dreaded Thanksgiving Break

"How can I help you during the final week of NaNoWriMo?"

LET'S READ
MORE

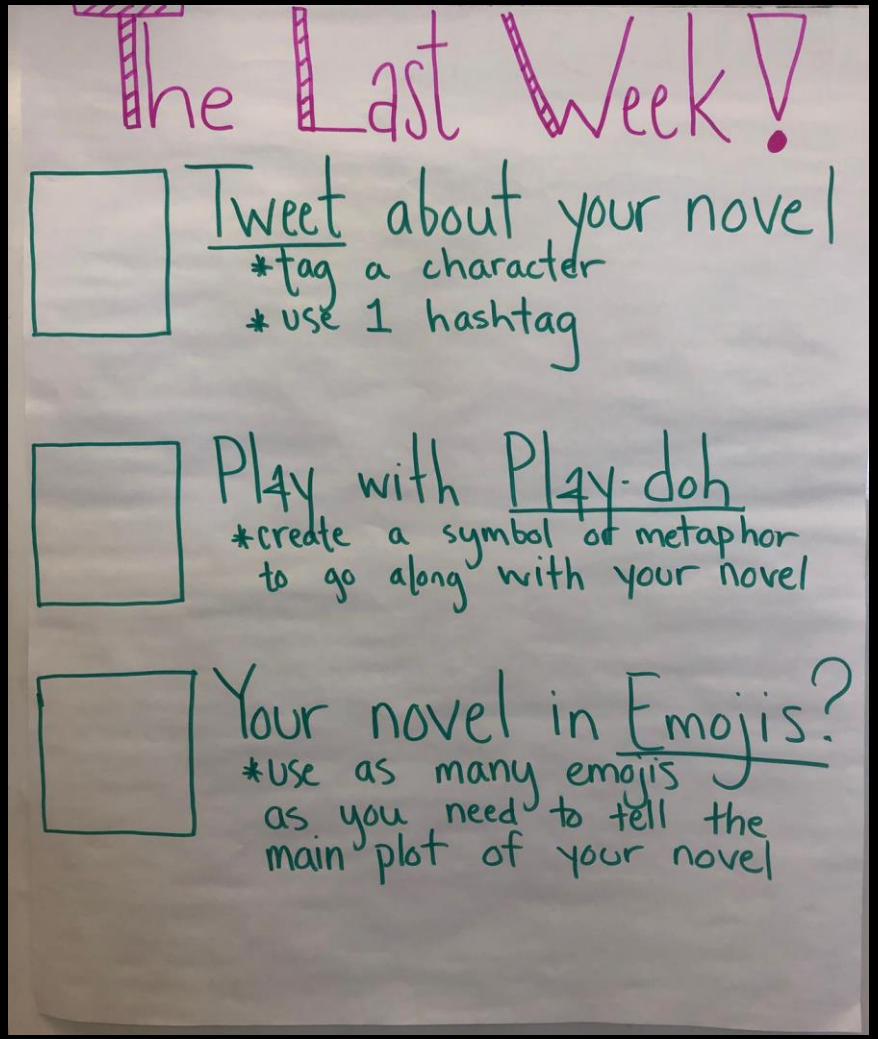
The Dreaded Thanksgiving Break

Coffee Shop
Write-In

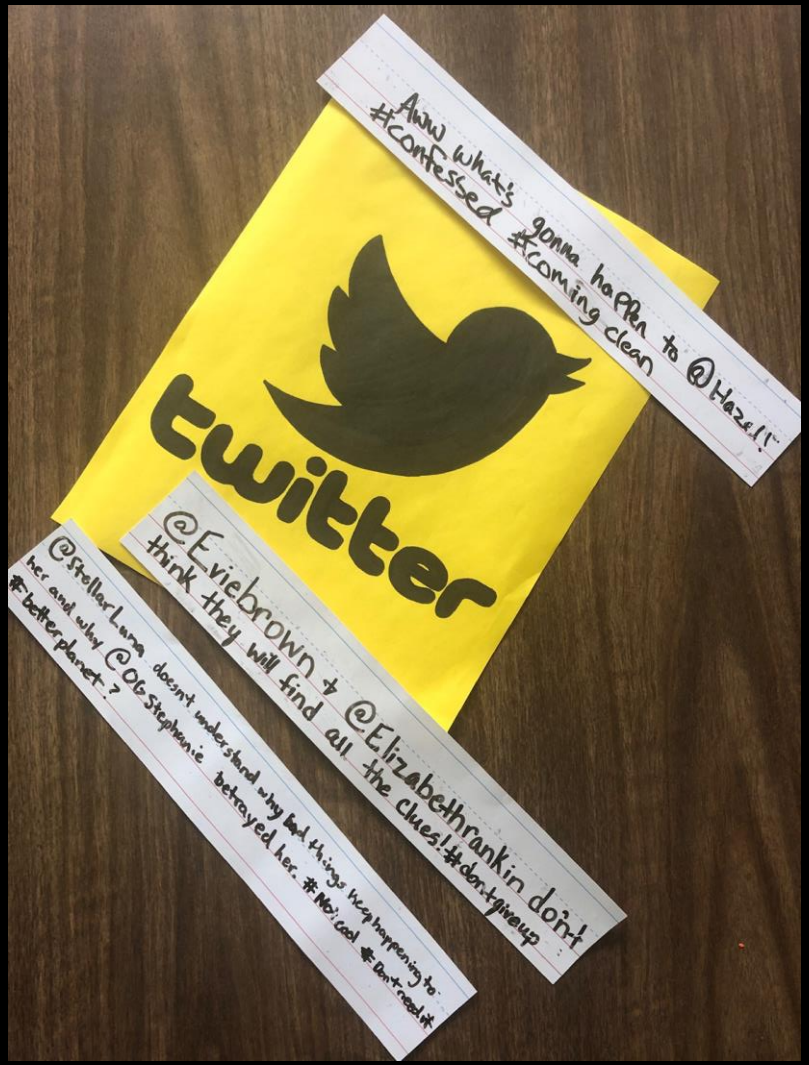
The Final Week

Let them go! (sort of...)

a new angle


The Last Week!
Tweet about your novel
*tag a character
*use 1 hashtag
Play with Play-doh
*create a symbol or metaphor to go along with your novel
Your novel in Emojis?
*use as many emojis as you need to tell the main plot of your novel

#mynovel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#confessed #coming clean
twitter
@Eviebrown + @Elizabethrankin don't
think they will find all the clues!! #don't give up
@StellarLuna doesn't understand why bad things keep happening to
her and why @OG Stephanie betrayed her. #No! cool #Don't read #
#better planet ?

Novels by Emoji

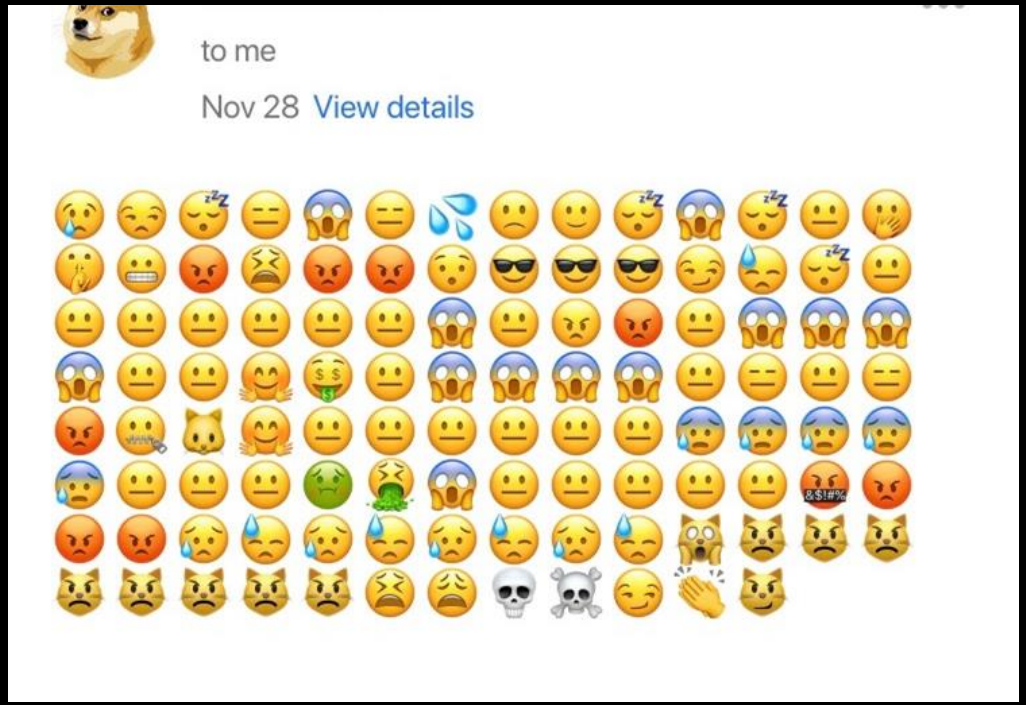
Grapes of Wrath

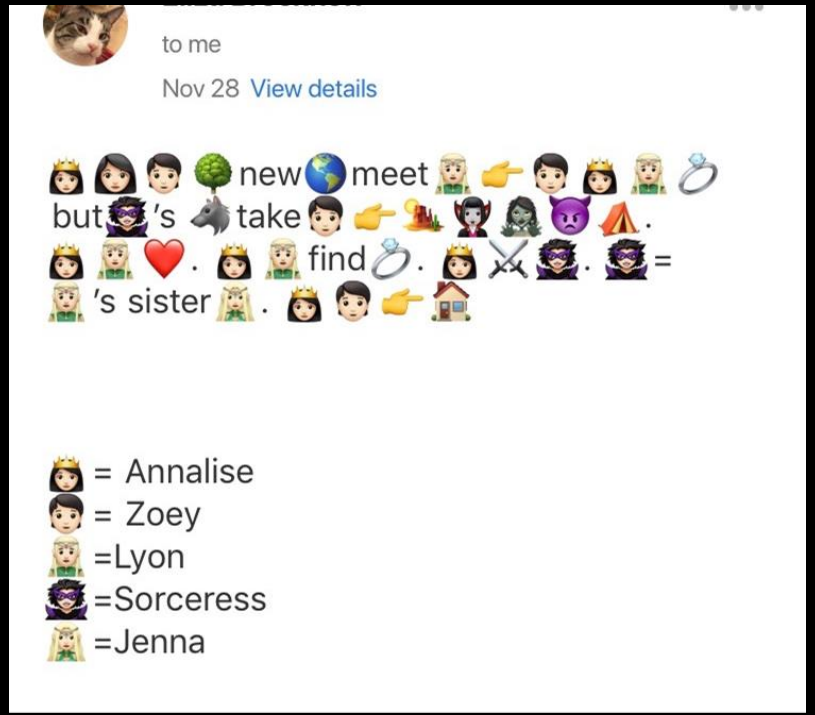
Treasure Island

Animal Farm

A Clockwork Orange

Novels by emoji





Things you will inevitably hear

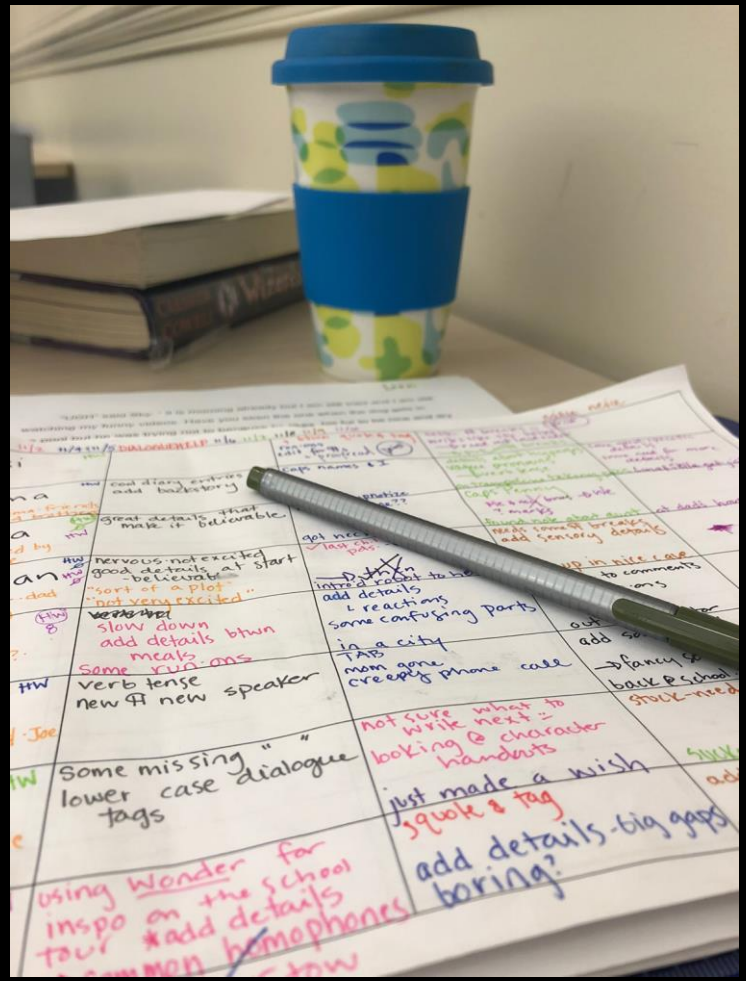
"How will this be graded?"

Targeted Goals

Reflect

Reread

Assign



Things you will inevitably hear

"I don't want my protagonist to do this, but she has to. It just makes me really sad."

Things you will inevitably hear

“I wrote 2,000 words last night! I couldn’t stop!”

Things you will inevitably hear

"I'm going to finish all my other homework, go sled down that hill like a penguin, and then work on my novel."

From the get go

The last day of NaNoWriMo!!!!!!

Type here to search
11:22 AM
11/30/2018
DELL

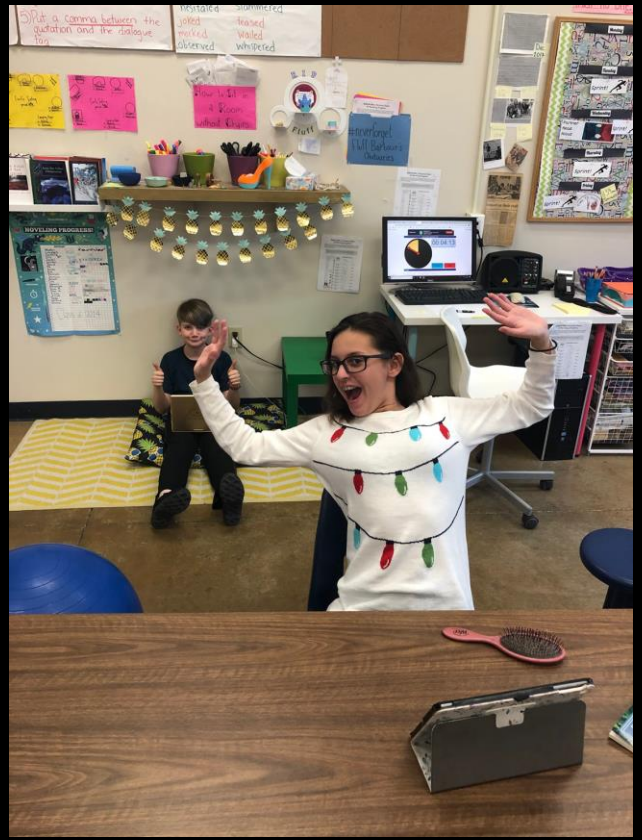
Things you will inevitably hear

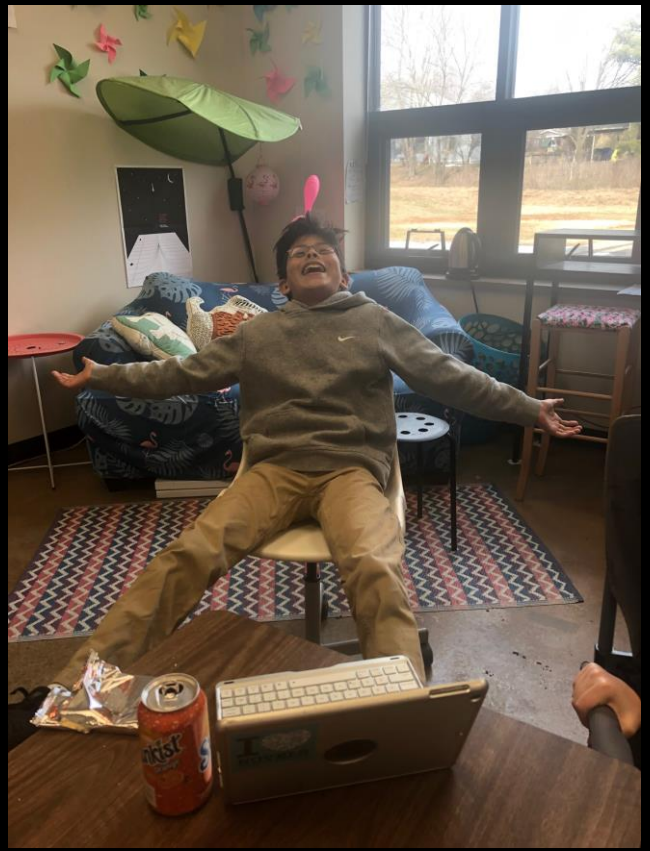
"Last day NaNoWriMo jitters!"

Things you will inevitably hear

"This nose bleed is not going to stop me!"

Things you will inevitably see





Things you will inevitably see

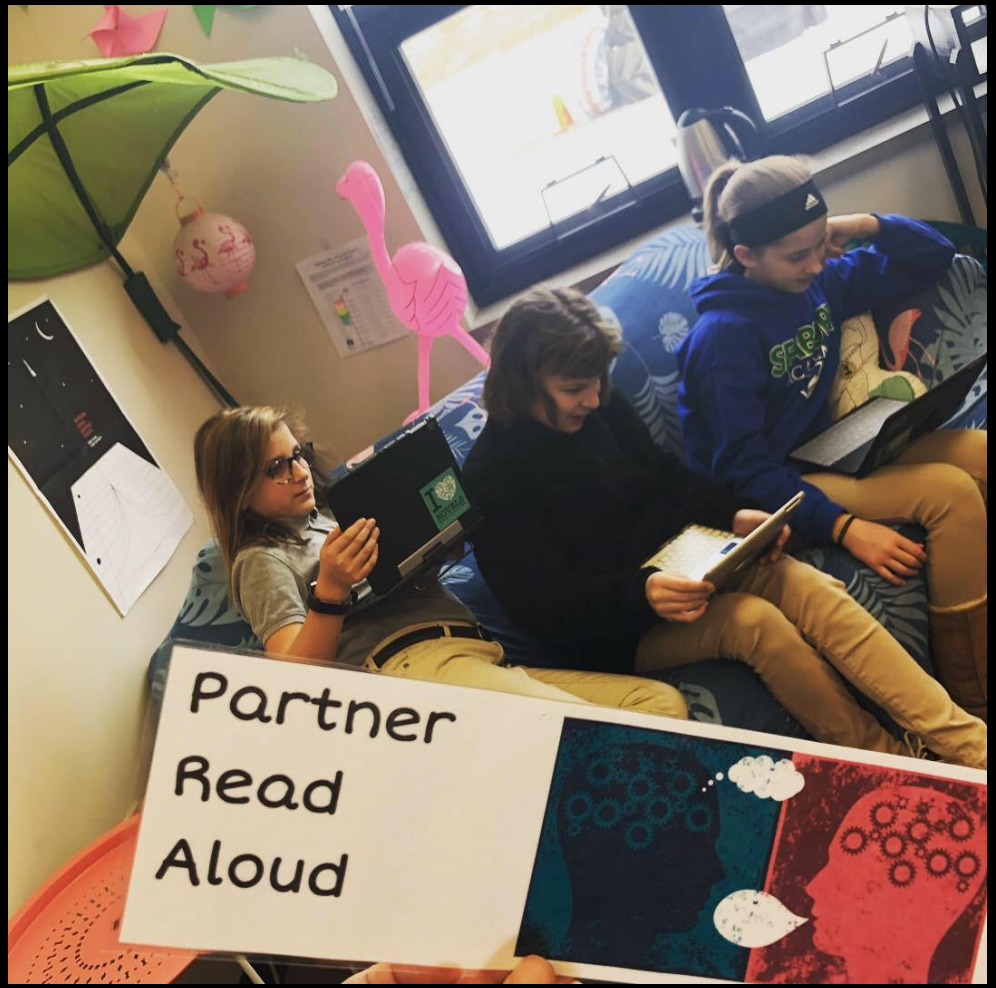
Things you will inevitably hear

"I did it!
I did it!
I did it!"

Things you will inevitably hear

"I think I want to write another book. I am leaving my resolution open."

December

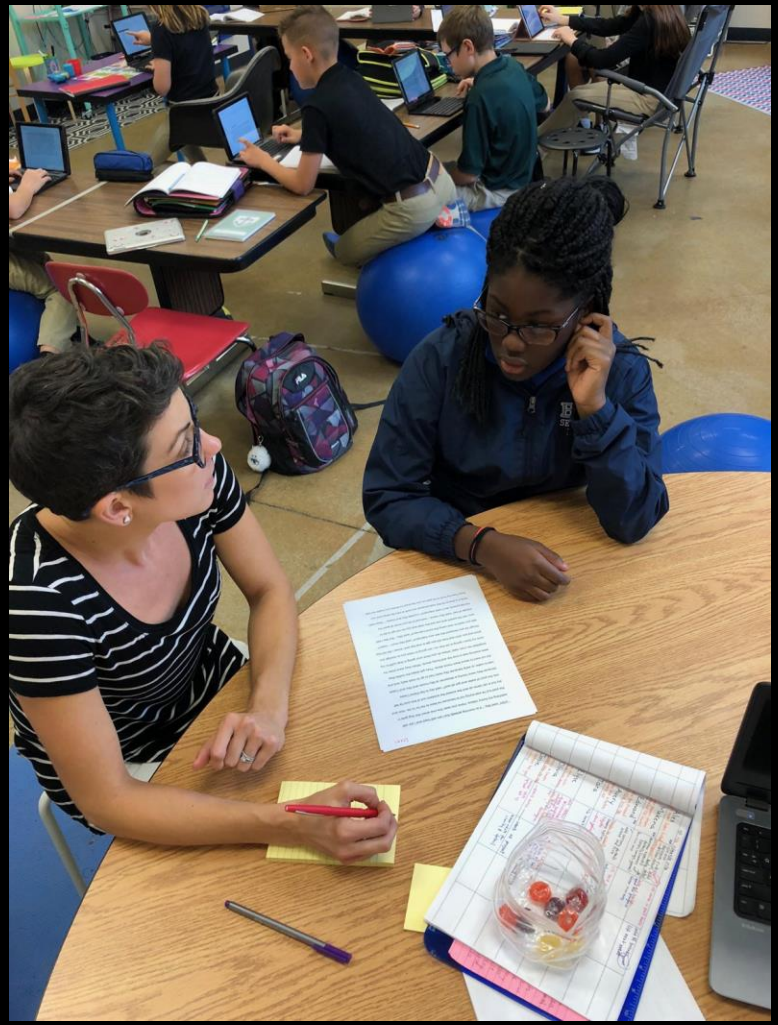


Use those NaNo

groups!

One-on-One

Conferences



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What ink and paper types does KDP support?

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- Color interior with white paper

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- Select a different size

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What are bleed settings?

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Things you will inevitably hear

"My aunt is in a book club and she told them about my novel and they are all going to buy a copy on Amazon!"

"I do not like grading these."
NEWS
FLASH

“Emma’s book has a surprise ending.”

“Yeah, it even surprised me!” Emma replied.

Things you will inevitably hear

"I really didn't think I would be able to write a novel."

(But he totally did!)

Back to your metaphor

How would you update your metaphor?

What is still holding you back?

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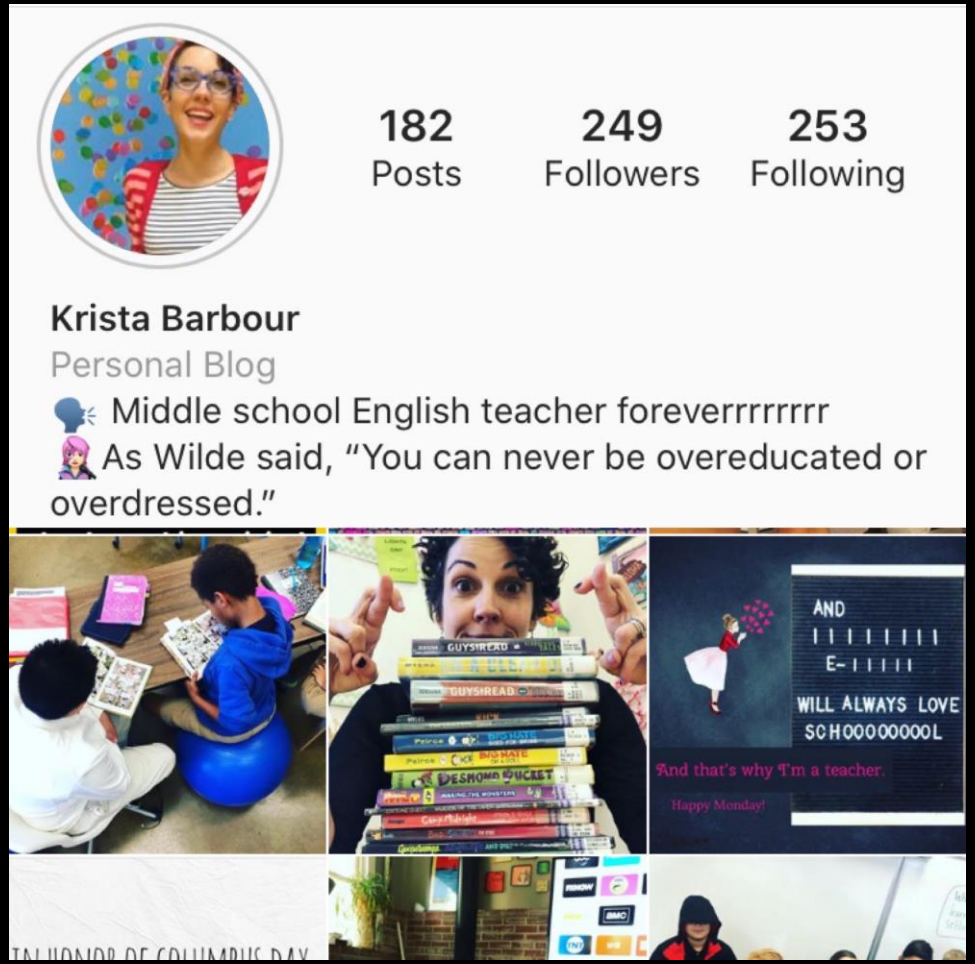
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