Lesson 4: Make it Sparkle

UNIT: Magical Objects

TRANSCRIPT

HOOK 1

Hi, it's Margaret.

When I'm finishing a piece of writing, I don't get to the end and say, "Okay, all done." I read my writing over and over again, looking for any parts I want to change. Sometimes I write parts over and over, trying to get them exactly right. Sometimes I read my writing and edit—I look for mistakes like capitalization, punctuation, or spelling. Other times, I read my writing to revise. Revision is when writers make changes to their writing, like removing parts of their writing, adding new words or sentences, or changing the order of their writing.

Something that can help writers revise is a checklist. When I use my checklist to revise my writing, I read one part of my writing at a time, and I check off each part that I included. Sometimes, I can't check all my boxes yet, and that's okay. I can make changes to my writing and check the boxes as I add more.

After I have everything checked off on my checklist, I read my writing again and sometimes make even more changes. All these changes are revisions. Revisions allow me to make changes so that my writing is exactly how I want it to be.

You have a story draft about one of the items in Zoe's box. In today's lesson, you'll use a writing checklist. Your checklist will help you get started on your revision. But you can make other revisions, too, to make your writing how you want it to be.

I'll get you started, step by step.

STEP 1

Get your supplies.

STEP 2

Put your Story Plan and Character worksheet in the neat pile to the side for now. You can use them at any time while you revise.

Put your Writing Checklist side by side with your draft.

STEP 3

Find the “Beginning” section of your Checklist.

Read your beginning and check off each of the parts you already have. If any are missing, you can leave the box blank for now.

STEP 4

Now you can revise the beginning of your story. If any of your checkboxes are not checked, you can add those parts to your story and check them off.

If you want, you can make other changes to make it sound exactly how you want. Use the lines that you skipped to write your revisions.

STEP 5

Take a look at the “Revision Ideas” section of your checklist worksheet.

You could revise your word choice, add descriptions, add figurative language, or create sentence variation. Read the revision ideas to yourself.

When you're done, show a quiet thumbs up.

STEP 6

Pick one revision idea and revise the beginning of your story using the idea you picked. If you want, you can use more than one idea.

STEP 7

Nice job revising the beginning of your story! Your revisions are making your writing more interesting and making it how you want it to sound.

Now you'll have some time to revise the rest of your story. Remember to use your checklist and revision ideas to help you revise each part. Your teacher will tell you how long you have to revise.

STEP 8

Amazing job, writers! Your revisions have made your story exciting and how you want it to be. Since this is a draft, it may look a little messy right now, and that's okay.

It's time to write your final draft. Your teacher will tell you where you'll write your final draft. As you write, make sure to use the revision ideas you marked along the way. Get the papers you will need to copy onto, then take your time to make your writing the neatest it can be.

STEP 9

Get your supplies.

STEP 10

Get your story cover page.

Write your name in the author blank and fill in the date.

STEP 11

In the blank space on your story cover, you can write a title for your story. You might design your cover in fancy letters with your title, or you can draw a picture, or use color to decorate your cover page.

Your teacher will tell you how long you have to design your cover.

STEP 12

Get your final draft of your story.

In the circles in the bottom corner of each page, you can add page numbers. Write the number one in the circle of the first page of your final draft, then continue numbering all the pages you have.

STEP 13

Put your story pages in order and place the cover page on top.

Make sure all of your pages are lined up nicely, then use one staple in the top left corner.

WRAP UP

Amazing job, writers! Through your imagination, you have made the items in Zoe's box magical in your stories. In the writing process, you generated ideas, made a plan, wrote a draft, revised and edited your draft, and now you have made a final story that is ready to share.

You might share your story with your classmates, around your school, or with your family. Anyone who reads your story will get to experience the magical adventures that you imagined.

This writing process is the same one that story writers use all the time when writing a story. You can follow these steps again to write even more fiction stories. I can't wait to see where your imagination will take you next!

I'll see you next time.