Lesson 4: Create Exciting Turtle Titles

UNIT: Saving Sea Turtles

TRANSCRIPT

HOOK 1

Hi, it's Anne. Your Guidebook is now full of ways people can help sea turtles, like Shelly, feel safe at the beach.

All over the world, people have come up with creative ways to help sea turtles. Check out this beach cleaning robot. It can pick up tiny bits of trash hidden in the sand. And instead of bright lights like these, some people have invented special lights, like these, that won't confuse the sea turtles. Once people know about how to save sea turtles, who knows what they might come up with next?

Your Guidebook will help inspire even more people to become sea turtle helpers. Once people read your Guidebook, they will know how to help. But first, we'll need to get them interested in reading your Guidebook.

Readers decide what to read by looking through a text. They often look at the title and cover and flip through to see what the book will be about. As writers, we can add features to our writing so readers can see what our Guidebooks will be about before they start reading.

Check out this flyer I saw at a pet store.

I've blurred out the writing in this flyer to see if we can figure out what it's about without reading it. Look at these parts to help you figure it out.

DISCUSSION 1

Discuss: What do you think this flyer is about?

HOOK 2

This flyer is about how to take care of a pet hamster. You may have figured that out by reading the title, looking at the pictures, or reading the section titles.

These are all ways that writers show the reader what a piece of writing is about. Then readers will be curious and want to read more.

This flyer has sections in it. Each section is about a different topic, just like our Guidebooks.

To help your reader know what each part will be about, you can add a title for the section. Section titles don't need to be complete sentences. They can just be a few words to tell the reader what that part will be about. By reading the section titles, I know this flyer will teach me what I should feed a pet hamster and what kind of toys I can get for a hamster.

Let's practice by coming up with a section title for my first two pages about balloons. Here's what I wrote, "Hold on to the string of your balloons because they can fly all the way to the ocean and look like food to a sea turtle. Sometimes people let balloons fly away into the sky. Then, winds high in the sky can blow balloons to the ocean. Finally, balloons fall down to the ocean and can look like food to a sea turtle. That's why it's important to always hold on to your balloons.

Think about what I could title this part. Try to say what it's about in five words or less. Use your fingers to count your words.

DISCUSSION 2

Discuss: Can you say what this section is about in five words or less?

HOOK 3

Maybe you said something like, "The balloon problem" or "Balloons can hurt sea turtles" or maybe you said, "Hang on to balloons!" You may have come up with other ideas too. These are all great section titles to tell the reader what these pages will be about in only a few words.

In today's activity, you'll get to make your Guidebook clear and easy to read by adding section titles. Then you'll get to add a cover to your guidebook and make it look exciting for readers.

I'll get you started, step by step.

STEP 1

Before you come up with titles for your sections, let's practice by coming up with titles for some videos. Remember, the title should say what the video is about in five words or less. It doesn't need to be a sentence.

Here's a video with the title, "Boy Buried in the Sand."

Here's another video with the title, "Dogs Playing at the Beach."

Now it's your turn to try. When you see the video, quietly say what you think the title should be. Say it in a whisper voice. Everyone will be whispering at the same time. If you think of more than one idea, you can whisper more than one title.

Ready?

Go!

STEP 2

Nice job! Let's practice again. Remember, say the title out loud in a whisper voice using five words or less.

Ready?

Go!

STEP 3

Great job! Now you're ready to make some titles in your Guidebook.

Get your supplies. You'll get more materials later on.

STEP 4

Get your first two pages of your Guidebook labeled pages 1 and 2. You'll use pages 3 and 4 later.

Quietly read what you wrote on pages 1 and 2.

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

STEP 5

Using your whisper voice, say what your section is about in five words or less. You can use your fingers to count your words. Try saying it a few different ways.

STEP 6

Write your favorite title in the gray box at the top of page 1.

STEP 7

Put pages 1 and 2 to the side. Now get Guidebook pages 3 and 4. Quietly read what you wrote on these pages.

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

STEP 8

Using your whisper voice, say what your section is about in five words or less. You can use your fingers to count your words. Try saying it a few different ways.

STEP 9

Get your first two pages of your Guidebook labeled pages 1 and 2. You'll use pages 3 and 4 later.

Quietly read what you wrote on pages 1 and 2.

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

STEP 10

Great job! Now your reader will be able to see what each section will be about before they begin reading.

Now, you'll add a cover to your Guidebook.

To get started, you'll need these supplies.

STEP 11

Fold the bottom of the book cover up to the black line like this. Use your finger to make a strong crease.

Then unfold it.

STEP 12

Cut a small slit in your book cover on the dotted line.

Stop cutting when you get to the stop sign. Here's a tip. To make small cuts, only open your scissors a tiny bit so you don't accidentally cut too much.

STEP 13

Flip the paper over. Using the crease you made, fold both flaps back the other way, like this.

STEP 14

Fold your book cover in half with the flaps on the inside, like this.

STEP 15

Get your two Guidebook pages.

Put the back of page 2 against the back of page 3.

Make sure they're lined up. Put a paperclip on the bottom of the pages in the middle, like this.

STEP 16

Open your book cover like this.

Hold your Guidebook by the center pages like this.

Slide your Guidebook into the flaps of the book cover you folded.

STEP 17

Close your Guidebook. Secure your Guidebook together by putting paper clips on the front cover and back cover, like this.

STEP 18

Look at the front cover of your Guidebook.

Decide what you'd like to title your Guidebook. You can use one of these ideas or come up with your own.

Write your title on the lines at the top of your Guidebook.

When you're done, write your name at the bottom of the front cover.

STEP 19

Flip your Guidebook over and look at the back cover.

Imagine what a sea turtle might say to someone who reads your Guidebook.

Write what they would say in the talk balloons. You can use one of these ideas or come up with your own.

WRAP UP

Amazing job! Your Guidebook now has a title, section titles, and fun pictures that will interest readers to read the whole thing. You are helping save sea turtles through your writing!

In the next lesson, you'll get your Guidebooks ready to publish. Don't forget to put your V.I.P.s somewhere safe before you go. I'll see you next time.