Lesson 4: The Treehouse Reveal

UNIT: Project Treehouse

TRANSCRIPT

HOOK 1

Hi, writers. It's Amy.

I've been researching some of the amazing ways people get in and out of treehouses. Check this one out—it's a bike. As he pedals the bike, it lifts him up into the treehouse, and he gets back on the bike when he's ready to leave. That's pretty neat!

Here's a fun way to get out of a treehouse—it's a trapdoor. When he pulls a lever, the floor swings open, and a person lands safely into a net below. Pretty fun!

I'm curious if you have any other ideas about fun ways to exit a treehouse.

DISCUSSION 1

Discuss: If you could design a fun way to exit a treehouse, what might it look like?

HOOK 2

You probably came up with an awesome idea to get out of a treehouse. The Treehouse Design you've been working on may not include a bike elevator or a trapdoor, and that's okay. Your design was made for one of these clients based on what they wanted.

You did the research on treehouse parts, picked a client to work with, and chose two parts to add to a treehouse design just for them. You even started putting it all together

into one piece of writing to share with your client. You're almost done. All your writing needs now is a conclusion—which is just another way to say the last part of your writing.

Just like exiting a treehouse, conclusions send your reader off. A conclusion is important because it reviews the most important parts of your writing one last time.

Today, you'll add a conclusion to your Treehouse Design and make a blueprint that includes the parts you added.

I'll get you started, step by step.

STEP 1

Get your supplies.

STEP 2

Get your Treehouse Final Design worksheet.

Read over what you have written so far. When you're done reading give a silent thumbs up.

STEP 3

Your conclusion will be a new paragraph and the last section of your writing. Remember, this is where you review the important parts of your design one last time.

The first sentence of your conclusion should mention the client you chose, Nora or Elliot, and how this design was made just for them.

If you're not sure what to write, you can use one of these ideas: "Nora's treehouse was designed just for her." "Elliot's treehouse was designed just for him."

To start a new paragraph, move to the next line and use your thumb to leave a little space.

You can start writing here.

STEP 4

Now think about the two parts you added to your design.

Write a sentence that names the two parts you added to your client's design. You could write something like, "I added a staircase and a window to my design."

Try writing your own sentence. If you need help, you can fill in these blanks with the parts you chose for your client.

STEP 5

Now you need one last sentence to end your conclusion. You could say something like, "These parts make this design a great fit for my client." Or, "The parts I added make this design perfect for my client."

When you're ready, write your final sentence.

STEP 6

It's time to check your writing. Make sure each sentence starts with a capital letter and ends with punctuation.

Read through your writing and make changes if you need to.

STEP 7

It's time to add a blueprint. This will clearly show the parts you added to your Treehouse Design.

Get your supplies. You'll need one colored pencil or one crayon. You can pick any color you would like.

STEP 8

Get your Treehouse Blueprint and your pencil. At the top, write your name and your client's name in the blanks.

If you need help writing your client's name, you can look at the top of your Treehouse Final Design worksheet.

STEP 9

Write the name of the two parts you chose for your client into each of these boxes. If you need help remembering what you chose, you can look at your Treehouse Diagram Worksheet.

STEP 10

Draw each of the parts you chose onto the blank treehouse. You can use the pictures on your treehouse diagram to help.

This is a quick sketch, so it doesn't need to be perfect.

STEP 11

Draw an arrow to each of the parts you drew. You can start your arrow in the little circle in each box.

STEP 12

Now use the one color you chose to trace over just the parts you drew. This will help each of the parts you chose stand out for your client.

STEP 13

Your Treehouse Design and Blueprint are ready to share. You'll set up your pages on your desk and then you'll get to read about the other designs by your classmates.

First, you'll fold your drawing so that it stands up like this.

To start, find the two dark lines on either side of your drawing. Flip your worksheet over and fold until you see the dark black line. Use your thumbnail to get a good crease. Then, do the same thing on the other side.

STEP 14

Put your pencil and color to the side. Then, stack your worksheets in a neat pile with your Treehouse Design worksheet on top, like this.

STEP 15

Place this pile in the middle of your desk. Then, stand your Treehouse Blueprint worksheet above it, like this. You may need to adjust each of your folds to help it stay up.

Your teacher will tell you how you will share your projects.

WRAP UP

You did it! You made it through your first design with Project Treehouse. You researched parts that could be added to a treehouse, listened to what your client wanted, made some awesome design choices, and explained it all in your writing. That's not just smart, that's tree-mendous!

Now that you're thinking like a real treehouse designer, who knows what great designs you'll come up with next. So, keep designing and keep writing because your ideas matter.

See you next time.