Homework - 9/22
Creative Writing – Elementary
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Recap

We started with a writing prompt: "If you could have any superpower, which would you pick? Why?"

Character Traits Discussion

Positive Traits:

Brave: Someone who faces danger or challenges without fear.
Kind: Someone who treats others with care and compassion.
Honest: Someone who tells the truth and is trustworthy.
Generous: Someone who shares what they have with others.
Hardworking: Someone who puts effort into completing tasks or achieving goals.
Loyal: Someone who sticks by friends and loved ones no matter what.

Negative Traits:

Cowardly: Someone who avoids danger or responsibility due to fear.
Selfish: Someone who only thinks about their own needs and desires.
Dishonest: Someone who lies or hides the truth.
Greedy: Someone who wants more than their fair share and doesn't like sharing.
Lazy: Someone who avoids work or effort.
Disloyal: Someone who betrays trust or is unreliable.

Example of Positive Traits That Can Turn Negative:

Brave→Reckless: Bravery is great, but if someone takes unnecessary risks, their bravery can turn into recklessness.

Kind→Naive: A kind person might be too trusting, making them vulnerable to being taken advantage of.

Hardworking→Overworked: Working hard is admirable, but doing too much without rest can lead to exhaustion or burnout.

Balancing Traits:
- Characters should have a mix of traits, making them feel more real and relatable.
- Heroes, like all people, have flaws and challenges to overcome.

Parts of a Story

1. Characters:
- Who is in the story?
  - Main character (the person or animal the story is mostly about).
  - Supporting characters (other people, animals, or creatures who help the story move along).

2. Setting:
- Where and when does the story take place?
  - Is it in a school, a forest, a city, or in space?
  - What time is it – daytime, nighttime, or in the past or future?

3. Problem (Conflict):
- What goes wrong or what challenge does the main character face?
  - There is usually something difficult the main character needs to solve or overcome.

4. Plot (Beginning, Middle, End):
- *Beginning:*
  - Introduce the characters and setting.
- *Middle:*
  - The main part of the story where the problem gets bigger.
  - The character might try different ways to solve the problem.
- *End:*
  - The problem gets solved (or sometimes not!).

5. Solution (Resolution):
- How does the problem get fixed or how does the character deal with it?

6. Theme:
- What is the lesson or message of the story?
  - What can the reader learn from the character's experience?
  - Examples of themes: friendship, bravery, kindness, or learning from mistakes.

FAQ

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Homework:

Take a favorite story/movie and write down:

- 3 character traits of the main character
- 3 character traits of the villain/antagonist
- Briefly describe the beginning, middle, and end of the story/movie