

Classroom Presentation

Before Visit: If possible, have students spend some time at my website before the visit and come up with questions to ask me. www.travelerstrunkpublishing.com
One week before the visit, send Order Form and Announcement of Author Visit to the teacher to send home with students.

Author/Writing Intro: approx. 15 minutes

Game – Author Fact or Fiction

Talk about the writing process – coming up with original ideas (brainstorming), writing, rewriting (adding dialogue, more description, & removing parts that don't work), critiquing (group or individual), rewriting, and finally editing

Reading: approx. 10 minutes

Introduce the book – Title and concept, briefly sum up chaps 1 -3

Read chapter 4

Questions: approx. 15 minutes

What kind of adventure would you like to have?

Answer any questions kids have prepared for the visit.

Learning how to write a story (Brainstorming): approx. 40 minutes

Inspiration – everyone choose one item from the trunk, approx. 5 minutes.

Character – hand out worksheet and explain character development, approx. 10 minutes.

Setting and Plot – hand out worksheet and explain the elements, approx. 10 minutes.

Illustrations – hand out worksheet and explain the importance of picturing the events, plus it's fun, approx. 15 minutes.

Book Sales: (approx. 15 minutes already accounted for during illustration)

During illustration time, have the kids who want to buy books come back and buy them.

Wrap-up: approx. 10 minutes

Explain how the kids are now ready to write a story (ask teacher ahead of time if they want it to be a homework assignment) and encourage them to do so.

Ask if anyone wants to share their ideas.

Hand out bookmarks

Total Presentation Time: Approx. 1 hour and 30 minutes

Cost: \$25 supply fee/classroom visit

I also donate a book to the class library of every class I visit.