

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.

Talk about Author and *The Traveler's Trunk series* - approx. 15 minutes
Game – Author Fact or Fiction
Introduce book 1 – Title and concept
Talk about book 2 (in progress)

Questions - approx. 10 minutes
What kind of adventure would you like to have?
Answer any questions kids have prepared for the visit.

Writing Intro - approx. 10 minutes
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
Stress the importance of multiple drafts and critiquing

Learning how to write a story (Brainstorming) - approx. 30 minutes
Hand out worksheets
Explain the importance of character development, setting, and plot
Do class exercise

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.
Hand out bookmarks
Hand out books to kids who bought them

Total Presentation Time - Approx. 1 hour and 15 minutes

Cost -
There is a \$250 author visit fee. This includes 4 presentations, a copy of all Traveler's Trunk Publishing books for the school library, and all supplies.