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Teacher Model for overhead

Plan your Own Adventure Story: Three Organized Paragraphs

Inspired by the Choose Your Own Adventure Books by R.A. Montgomery

Instructions: Today you will be planning a three-paragraph story about an exciting adventure you will create in your mind. Three different things will happen in your adventure. Each event will be described in its own paragraph...because that's what paragraphs do. Paragraphs separate different actions in a story.

The word game on the Choose Your Own Adventure page at WritingFix will help you come up with your character's name and your story's three events. Write your choices below, then compose an organized, three-paragraph story about your adventure. A good paragraph contains many sentences about the same idea, and it makes use of great words. Write your paragraphs in the boxes below, and use the suggestions to help keep your paragraph focused.

My adventurer's name:		
<h2>Tad Turbo</h2>		
First exciting moment:	Second exciting moment:	Third exciting moment:
Your adventurer notices an odd path leading into the woods.	Your adventurer sees there is no way out of this place.	Your adventurer clears the place of all danger with amazing strength.

Rough draft your first paragraph below. Use additional paper if necessary.	
<p>Hey! Use some powerful adjectives in this paragraph!</p> <p>I tried to use some powerful adjectives, as was suggested. Which adjective do you like best? Is there a better one I might have used?</p>	<p>It was the kind of path that begged an adventurer to walk on it. Muscular Tad Turbo stared at it, and he would have sworn he could hear the path's voice saying, "I know I look frightening, but you should really come down and see where I lead." With its overgrowth and pitch-black darkness, the path did seem frightening, but Tad feared very little any more. He was a true adventurer with a voracious appetite for danger.</p> <p>Your first paragraph will launch your reader into the action that begins your adventure. In five or six (perhaps more) sentences, you will describe what is happening as your adventure begins. Use great details.</p>

Rough draft your second paragraph below. Use additional paper if necessary.

Hey! Use some emotion words in this paragraph!

I didn't want to just say "Tad was scared," so I played with words. What do you think?

Twenty-five yards in, Tad realized something was wrong—terribly wrong. First of all, the path ahead was gone. It had disappeared in the darkness. Secondly, the path he had just hiked in on was gone too. When Tad turned around to head back, there was nowhere to head back to. It was as if the forest had swallowed its own way out, and Tad's heart was now beating hard. He had never known the word *fear*, and today might be the day he would have to learn its meaning.

Your second paragraph will describe your adventure's second exciting moment. In five or six (perhaps more) sentences, you will describe what is happening as your adventure continues. Use great details.

Rough draft your third paragraph below. Use additional paper if necessary.

Hey! Use some powerful verbs in this paragraph!

I tried to use some powerful verbs, as was suggested. Which verb do you like best? Is there a better one I might have used?

I will not be lost here, Tad thought to himself as he groped in the darkness that now surrounded him completely. Some say that fear, when combined with a good heart, can result in feats of unusual strength. Tad's fingertips found a tree trunk, which he grabbed hold of completely. He shook it with every ounce of strength from every atom of fear he was feeling. The tree crashed down, the sun entered the forest clearing, and Tad saw the path out again. Another day, another adventure!

Your third paragraph will describe your adventure's third exciting moment. In five or six (perhaps more) sentences, you will describe what is happening as your adventure comes to an end. Use great details.

If you like your finished three-paragraph story, why not turn it into an even longer story?