

Writer's Name: _____

Launching your own Fantastic Journey

Inspired by The Fantastic Journey by Madeleine L'Engle

Instructions: Today you will be writing a three-paragraph scene where a character will travel (in a science-fiction-like way) to a destination on an interesting mode of transportation. Although your destination and your mode of transportation may be ordinary, you will write about them in a way that is fantastical!

Choose your character, your mode of transportation, and your destination, then write them down on this graphic organizer.

Who is your main character?	What will he/she travel on?	What is the journey's destination?
List five memorable words you might describe your main character with:	How might your form of transportation be used in a sci-fi story? Explain: Write a sentence:	What obstacles might your character encounter as he/she travels? List:
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Rough draft your first paragraph below. Use additional paper if necessary.

Hey! Make sure you introduce your character's name in this paragraph!

Your first paragraph needs to introduce us to your main character, and it needs to explain why he/she has a desire to get to the destination you have chosen. Show us your details...don't just tell. Establish a real desire to make it to the destination.

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

Hey! Use some powerful verbs in this paragraph

Your second paragraph needs to introduce us to your mode of transportation. Show us (with details) how special the means of travel is, and have your character climb aboard... perhaps even blast off!

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

Hey! Use some powerful adjectives in this paragraph!

Your third paragraph needs to show your character—en route to the destination—encountering his/her first obstacle. Use memorable details to describe the encounter with the obstacle.

If you like your finished three-paragraph scene, why not turn it into an even longer story where additional obstacles are encountered while on the fantastic journey?