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Workshop Synopsis:

Total film running time: Approx 1 hour, depending on Q&A



- Greeting and Introduction - 6mins long**
An introduction to myself and my books, showing where I write, and explaining a little about writing funny stories and the workshop the children will be doing.
- ROCK BOTTOM Chapter One - 12mins long**
A reading of Chapter One of my book ROCK BOTTOM - feel free to follow along, pages 1-13!
- Workshop Part 1: Character - 13mins long, not including pauses**
YOU WILL NEED: Plain paper, pencil
YOU WILL: Discuss how Nick, the main character in ROCK BOTTOM, describes things incorrectly
Think of a main character to build your own story around
Draw and label a picture of your character
Edit your labelling to improve it
Extension: create extra characters for your story
- Workshop Part 2: Story plan - 12mins long, not including pauses**
YOU WILL NEED: Plain/lined paper, pencil
YOU WILL: Discuss what situation your character will find themselves in
Construct a story plan with Introduction, Crisis, Climax and Resolution
Feed back to one another and improve your story plans
Create a final plan to start writing
Extension: write a half-page synopsis of your story
- Workshop Part 3: Starting your story - 12mins long, not including pauses**
YOU WILL NEED: Lined paper, pen/pencil
YOU WILL: Write an opening for your story on alternate lines
Feed back to one another and suggest improvements
Edit your work by changing the language that you use
Writing your story from beginning to end!
Extension: make a story title, draw a front cover, write a blurb
- Sign-off - 2mins long**
A quick goodbye and good luck from me!
- Q&A - between 5mins and 10mins long, depending on school.**

