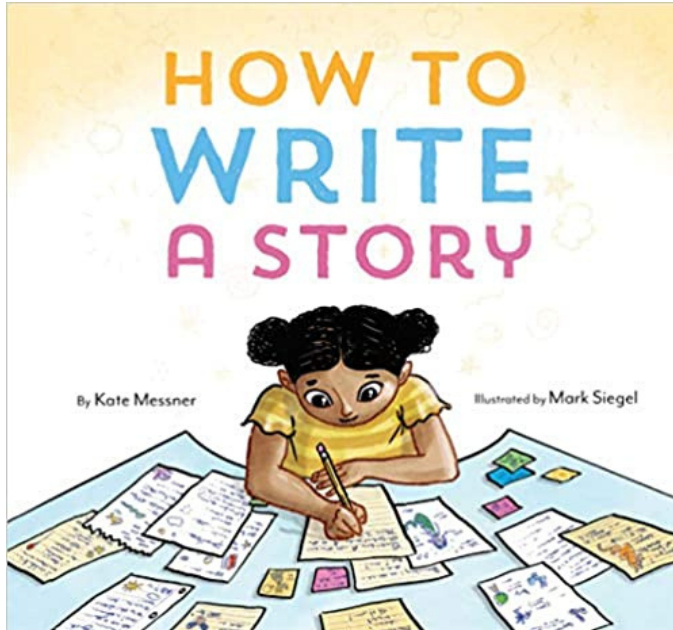


HOW TO WRITE A STORY

REVISITING AND SETTING GOALS

Everyone can be a reader and writer.

Playing with language helps us discover how language works.



GATHER MATERIALS

- Paper or your Writer's Notebook
- Writing and drawing tools
- Pre made book (optional)

READ, THINK, WRITE, SHARE

Read along with *How To Write A Story*.

- Think about the steps in the writing process. **What steps will you work on this term? What are your writing goals?**
- Who will be your writing buddy?
- Take a piece of paper and fold it in half, the long way. At the top of the first column, write CHARACTERS. Then make a list of possible characters who could be in a story you write. Maybe a ballet dancer or football player, a space cowboy or a pigeon or a ghost. See how many possible characters you can come up with. At the top of the other column, write SETTINGS, and make a list of places you love and places you think are interesting. Maybe the soccer field or the library, your attic or the beach, a spaceship, or a haunted house! Then choose a character from your first column and try dropping them into different settings. What kinds of adventures might happen? When you find a combination you like, you have the beginnings of a story!
- Choose to write your adventure in your Writer's Notebook or create another story using one of your pre made books.



STEP 4

DREAM UP A PROBLEM FOR YOUR MAIN CHARACTER.

