



Module Four

Writing assignment: Write your picture book manuscript

Now, it's time to employ everything you have learned so far:

- creating a core idea & theme
- developing character
- developing plot
- using writing techniques

and write your first full picture book manuscript, using the template provided.

Here are some tips for your assignment:

- Stay under 500 words (less is more!)
- Leave room for illustrations; use illustration notes if necessary
- Show don't tell
- Keep your text concise
- Don't forget your story arc!
- Maintain a single point of view through the story
- Make sure your character is active and persistent; make them the hero!
- Read your work aloud to make sure it has rhythm and cadence
- Have fun!

This is not your final draft so please don't put too much pressure on yourself to create a publishable manuscript in one go.

