

Y3 Narrative Writing: Adventure Story

Example Text

Walk the Plank

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One day Ashanti was being made to walk the plank because she hadn't washed the decks clean. Captain Max had been out burying his treasure. He had stomped back onto the ship with mud all over his boots. What a mess he made! Ashanti had tried to clean the decks but she couldn't clean up the mud. Both of her brothers laughed when she jumped off the edge of the pirate ship climbing frame. She landed with a bump. She looked up at her brothers laughing at her and then she saw something odd. Underneath the climbing frame was a strange drawing. It was a skull and crossbones. She reached out and she touched the drawing. There was a flash of light and Ashanti was in a ship at sea! She could feel the ship tipping from side to side.



Ashanti looked around in amazement. There were lots of barrels of gunpowder. She saw something moving in the corner. Someone was hiding behind one of the barrels. Dez and Max's heads popped up slowly. Just then a real-life pirate appeared. The pirate grabbed all three children and marched them onto

deck where the captain was. The captain was furious! He did not allow stowaways on his ship. He shouted at them to walk the plank. Max and Dez were terrified. What would happen to them? Ashanti wasn't scared. She was angry. She wasn't being forced to walk another plank! She grabbed a sword from the pirate who had found them and she charged at the captain.

The captain was shocked. He grabbed his sword to stop Ashanti but she was so angry that she pushed him straight off the ship. The other pirates cheered. The captain had been a cruel man and they were pleased he was gone. They made Ashanti their new captain and she sailed the ship to Pirate's Gold Island.

The children helped the pirates find the cruel captain's treasure chest. It was full of gold coins, red rubies and shiny diamonds. The pirates gave Ashanti a beautiful, golden goblet to say thank you. She looked carefully at the picture on it. It was a skull and crossbones. She touched the picture and there was another flash of light. Suddenly she was back in the park with her brothers. Max and Dez were so grateful to Ashanti for saving them that they never made her walk the plank again. Sometimes they even let her be the captain!



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Annotated Genre Features

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¹a title

²an orientation

³a build-up/events

⁴a complication

⁵a resolution

⁶an ending

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⁵ suffixes -ment, -ness, -ful, -less, -ly added correctly to a root word

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