



BATTLE CRY!

Write a Soldier's Adventure
Ten Days of Battle

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THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED

TO MY SON DANIEL WHO LOVED PLAYING

TOY SOLDIERS FOR HOURS ON END

AND TO MY SOLDIER SON IN THE FAITH, JUDAH

AND TO ALL THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO

FIGHT TO DEFEND OUR FREEDOM

MAY GOD'S PROTECTION BE OVER ALL

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

“David became more and more powerful,
because the Lord Almighty was with him.”

I Chronicles 11:9



God has a wonderful plan for the mixture of constant motion and conquering spirit residing in boys. George Washington was a great example of this. He fought many mock battles on the play ground during his schooldays as a boy and would beg the headmaster to give him and his classmates more time to finish the skirmish after lunch. He became the Father of our Country and the Father of Freedom around the world!

My prayer is that this book will encourage boys to be young men full of courage and valor, ready to tackle every challenge bravely. To protect with honor, the people and property God has given them on God's behalf and His kingdom. We need brave, strong, conquering boys!

This curriculum is designed to be boy friendly with twelve easy self-guided step-by-step lessons walking the student through the basics of creative writing in character, setting, and plot development. Each lesson includes: Writing Time, Battle Craft Time or a Battle Activity. Role-playing is monumental in building inspiration for writing so included are creative activities such as building a fort and a Boot Camp obstacle course. There also will be time spent on illustrating and map making which will be assembled along with the written pages at the end of this course into a book.

As a creative writing teacher, I am constantly barraged by boys to write a curriculum so that they can write battle stories. They remind me of a fiery shepherd boy full of faith, who chose five smooth stones to slay the giant, Goliath. God had His hand on David to become a mighty warrior on and off the battlefield. The Bible says that David fulfilled all God's will in His generation. May the Lord do the same with your boys!

SUPPLY LIST FOR CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Homemade Clay: 2 cups flour, 1 cup salt, 4 t cream of tartar, 2 T oil
- Large shirt box for clay diorama (9 x 11)
- Acrylic paints (all colors) to paint clay diorama figures and acrylic paints in army greens, tan, and brown for tank marble painting
- Cotton balls for tree tops
- White paper to draw illustrations
- White paper to use in painting
- Camouflage colored construction paper for marble tank craft
- Marbles for marble painting and shirt box lid
- 2-4 lawn chairs for obstacle course
- 10 small plastic balls and bucket or target and Nerf gun for obstacle course
- Rope, timer and flag for obstacle course



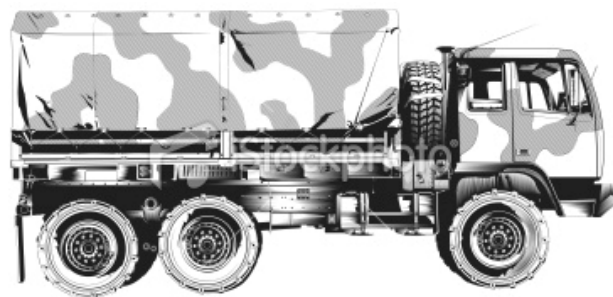
LESSON 1

CREATE A SOLDIER CHARACTER



Your main character is called the protagonist. Developing him will take some time and thought. Don't be surprised if after you start this writing curriculum that ideas come to you about your character all throughout your day. Keep a special battle notebook handy that you can write your ideas in so you don't forget them. When you are ready for writing time, you can retrieve your notebook and add in your new ideas. Some professional writers say it takes them months to develop their characters, but we will not take that long!

A good story will help the protagonist to grow in character. In order to do this, give your characters weaknesses. If he starts out selfish, give him opportunities to be selfless. If he is fearful, give him a situation where he must face his fears to save someone else and be brave. Think about your own life and the lives of the people you know. That will give you ideas. Your characters can learn to trust God on the battlefield for protection, wisdom and strategy. Of all the places on earth, most soldiers rely on God's help once in combat. They realize He watches over all battles of all men.



CREATE A SOLDIER CHARACTER WORKSHEET

Your first assignment is to create your protagonist or main soldier character. Fill out the character worksheet below and on the next two pages.



1. WHAT IS YOUR CHARACTER'S NAME?

2. DOES HE HAVE A BATTLEFIELD NICK NAME?

3. HOW OLD IS YOUR CHARACTER? _____

4. WHERE IS HE FROM? CITY, STATE, COUNTRY:

5. DESCRIBE WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE. DOES HE HAVE ANY SPECIAL FEATURES?

BIG EYES, NOSE, OR EARS, MISSING TEETH, SCARS, MUSTACHE OR BEARD, SQUINTY EYES, MUSCULAR ARMS, OR OTHER:

6. WHICH DIVISION OF THE MILITARY IS HE IN? ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINES, NAVY SEALS, GREEN BERET, OR OTHER:

WHAT IS HIS RANK? _____ **SEE**
PAGE 100 FOR A LIST OF RANKS

7. WHAT IS HIS M.O.S. IN THE ARMY? M.O.S. MEANS MILITARY OCCUPATIONS SPECIALTY CODE (OR HIS JOB).

- INFANTRY-FOOT SOLDIER-GROUND POUNDER**
- CALVARY-ARMORED TRUCK TRANSPORTER**
- FIELD ARTILLERY CREW**
- CAV SCOUT-COMMANDERS EYES AND EARS**
- ENGINEER-BUILDER**
- SIGNAL-COMMUNICATION OPERATOR**
- INTELLIGENCE**
- AMMUNITION SPECIALIST**
- WATERCRAFT OPERATOR**
- SPECIAL OPS FORCES**
- SHARP SHOOTER**
- PILOT**
- MEDIC**
- OTHER _____**



8. CREATE A PERSONALITY: CHOOSE FROM THE LIST AND CREATE SOME OF YOUR OWN. CIRCLE THE ONES YOU LIKE:

- | | | | | |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| FUNNY | STRONG | HAPPY | FEISTY | ADD YOUR OWN |
| LOUD | QUIET | SERIOUS | OUTGOING | _____ |
| BRAVE | WITTY | GLARES | ENERGETIC | _____ |
| SPUNKY | SILLY | SPORTY | HELPFUL | _____ |
| PROUD | MEAN | HUMBLE | PLAYFUL | _____ |
| SHY | SMILES | KIND | GENEROUS | _____ |

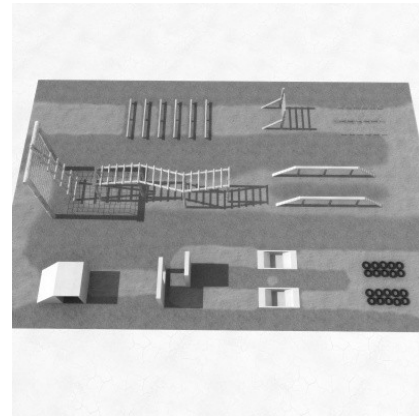
9. WHAT SPECIAL ABILITIES DOES HE HAVE?

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| SHARP SHOOTER | ADD YOUR OWN |
| QUICK PROBLEM SOLVER | |
| BUILDER | _____ |
| COMPUTER TECH | _____ |
| CANINE TRAINING | _____ |
| ELECTRICIAN | _____ |
| MECHANIC | _____ |
| MARCH LONG DISTANCES | _____ |
| BRAVE LEADER | _____ |
| SPECIAL FORCES | _____ |
| CALM UNDER STRESS | _____ |
| HONEST CHARACTER | _____ |

BATTLE ACTIVITY
MAKE A BOOT CAMP OBSTACLE COURSE
IN YOUR BACK YARD
TIME YOURSELF AND SEE HOW FAST YOU CAN MOVE
THROUGH AND CAPTURE THE FLAG!

Many times soldiers have to help each other over hurdles. Invite a friend, brother or sister to join you. See whose time is the fastest or try to beat your own time. Think of the battle story you are writing as you go along.

Read through all the instructions before you begin setting up to make sure you have all the items you need.



- Tie a **flag** or handkerchief near the beginning of the course
- Begin by hopping up with both feet 10 steps
- Crawl through **3-4 lawn chairs**
- Stand up and do 5 jumping jacks
- Lay a **rope** on the ground and hop with one foot on one side then another all the way down to the end of the rope.
- Lay on the ground and do 5 sit ups
- Stand up and throw **10 small plastic balls** into a bucket 5-7 feet away or **shoot a target**
- Do 5 more jumping jacks
- Run over to the lawn chairs and crawl back through to the other side
- Capture the flag!

YOUR STORY WILL BE WRITTEN IN THREE SECTIONS: THE BEGINNING, MIDDLE AND END

The **Beginning** introduces your main character and the problem they face in battle. The first sentences should start the story off with **action** to draw the reader in. This is called a **HOOK**.



Practice Writing a Hook for your Story:

FILL IN YOUR CHARACTER'S

TOP SECRET MISSION FILE

Who _____

What _____

Why _____

When _____

Where _____

FILL OUT YOUR PLOT OUTLINE FOR THE BEGINNING OF YOUR STORY:

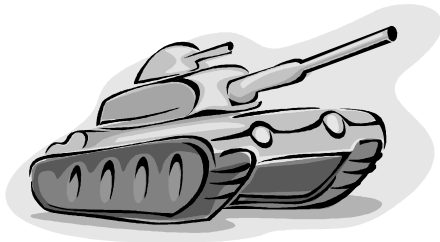
DAY 1- Introduce your main character, what is his life like before he goes into the military?

DAY 2 - Describe the BCT setting-What does he think about it? What is he doing? Is his squad getting ready to deploy (go on a mission)?

DAY 3 - What is his platoon's plan of action?

SECRET CODES ARE USED IN BATTLES TO PASS IMPORTANT INFORMATION QUICKLY TO AND FROM THE BATTLEFIELD

*Below is the official U.S. Military Alphabet. Soldiers use this for correct pronunciation when talking over radios and communications. We will use it as a secret code. See if you can decode the messages below by using the key in the box: Answers on page 100.



A: Alpha	N: November
B: Bravo	O: Oscar
C: Charlie	P: Papa
D: Delta	Q: Quebec
E: Echo	R: Romeo
F: Foxtrot	S: Sierra
G: Golf	T: Tango
H: Hotel	U: Uniform
I: India	V: Victor
J: Juliet	W: Walrus
K: Kilo	X: X-Ray
L: Lima	Y: Yankee
M: Mike	Z: Zulu

Golf Echo Tango Papa India Zulu Zulu Alpha

Papa Lima Alpha Yankee Oscar Uniform Tango Sierra India Delta Echo

Bravo Alpha Kilo Echo Charlie Oscar Oscar Kilo India Echo Sierra Walrus India Tango Hotel Mike Echo

MAKE YOUR OWN MILITARY ALPHABET BELOW BY CHOOSING YOUR OWN WORDS TO REPRESENT EACH LETTER IN THE ALPHABET. CUT OUT YOUR CODE AND KEEP IT IN A SAFE PLACE TO DECODE MESSAGES.



MY SECRET CODE



A= _____

N= _____

B= _____

O= _____

C= _____

P= _____

D= _____

Q= _____

E= _____

R= _____

F= _____

S= _____

G= _____

T= _____

H= _____

U= _____

I= _____

V= _____

J= _____

W= _____

K= _____

X= _____

L= _____

Y= _____

M= _____

Z= _____

