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The following sample description and outline of a classroom presentation can be tailored to meet specific needs or requests of the school or group.

### Summary description:

*An interactive presentation designed to:*

- Stimulate and engage student audience
- Inspire creativity
- Reinforce the elements of narrative fiction through collaborative exercises
- Provoke thought and discussion
- Encourage young readers

After a brief introduction and discussion about the writing process, the presenter will elicit and record responses from student participants in an improvisational question and answer activity. During the exercise, writer and students will contribute ideas for a plot outline, thus identifying the common components of fictional narration: character, setting, mood, atmosphere, rising action, complication, conflict, climax, and resolution or dénouement.

Students will form into groups to brainstorm a plot modeled on the previous exercise, thus synthesizing the elements of fiction to produce an original story idea.

Each group will present an overview of their brainstormed plot.

After the group presentations, the author will read a short selection from *Snake Food* or *The Haunting*. The audience will identify elements of narration, citing examples of notable or interesting writing.

The session will end with questions and answers.