

Pre-visit discussion ideas

What is the most important component of the writing process?

- 1) Formulating the idea
- 2) Writing the idea
- 3) Editing and revising

What is more important for being a good writer: knowledge or creativity?

Is a story just a story, or do authors sometimes include “hidden” meanings behind their words?

Can you define and give examples of:

- 1) Symbolism
- 2) Metaphor
- 3) Allegory

What are your favorite books? What is it about those books that you like?

What do you think of when someone mentions the Middle Ages or Medieval times?

Find out a little bit about:

Homer's *The Iliad and The Odyssey*

Beowulf

Edmund Spenser's *The Faerie Queene*

Pliny the Elder