

Journey to the Center of the Earth
Writing Assignment: 32 points
Given Tuesday 12/3 – Due Thursday 12/5

Name _____

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You will be writing a story pretending to go inside the earth, all the way to the inner core. Your story can continue through and come out the other side or stay inside. You can be human or an alien, be inside some sort of vehicle or not.





You will need to write the story as a way to show me that you know lots and lots about the layers of the earth! If you fail to do this, you will not score well. Yes, I also want you to have some fun and be creative.

Your story **MUST** be at least one full page written.

Your writing will focus on two things in this story. One is **SENTENCE FLUENCY**. What does that mean?

Fluent writing has rhythm. Sentences vary in length and structure. It is easy and pleasurable to read aloud.





THINK about it:

-  Is my story easy to read?
-  Do my sentences begin in different ways?
-  Did I use some long and some short sentences?
-  Does my paper sound smooth as I read it aloud?

The other thing to focus on are **IDEAS**. Remember, you need to show me information.

As you begin your paper you generate ideas. Your ideas and content are the reasons for writing a paper. Every paper should convey a message and be easy to follow. Some thoughts to get you going:

THINK about it:

-  What is my message and is it focused and clear?
-  Did I include important details about each layer?
-  Did I show that I really understand this topic?
-  Is my paper interesting and easy to understand?

Turn over to see your scoring rubric....

Please stapled this to your final draft

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Story Scoring Rubric

Story is easy to read	1	2	3	4
Sentences are varied	1	2	3	4
Story is entertaining and creative	1	2	3	4
Story is appropriate length	1	2	3	4
Handwriting is clear	1	2	3	4
Story describes each Earth layer	1	2	3	4
Each layer is clearly understood	1	2	3	4
Physical properties of layers included	1	2	3	4

Total points _____/32

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