





THE KIDS' CANCER PROJECT

WRITE A BOOK IN A DAY

Parameters Form

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Primary character 1 Music composer

Primary character 2 Sculptor

Non-human character Necklace

Setting Hardware shop

Issue Time travel

Random words

ruby

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shiver

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sponge

Instructions

- Start no earlier than **8am**
- Write an original story:
 - based on all **five parameters** (above)
 - including all **five random words** (above) as written, and in bold type
 - with some identifiable **Australian content** (in theme or setting or characters, etc)
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- Complete the Declaration
- Submit your finished book in **both** PDF and plain text format by 9pm

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What If...?

This story is dedicated to the children at the hospital, and we hope they get better soon, to the people who supported us through this process, Mrs. Todd, for helping us after difficulties came and the pizza that was oh so good after 8 hours of work. We also dedicate this book to all teachers who had the patience to deal with our mistakes.

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Chapter 1

What if it were a chilly morning, the type of morning where your Mum would grunt in frustration as she cleared the windshield of icy frost. Well, it was this type of day that it all happened when Taylor walked into 'Tim's Hardware Store' to get superglue for her guitar after it broke at her last show. When She opened the door there was a soft ding from the bell above the door.

The walls were filled with Hammers and Drills hung on the wall and metal shelves bolted to decaying bricks that lined the wall. Then a smell of sawdust, metal scraps, oil, and tuna overcame her.

She looks around and there is a girl over by the dusty checkout eating a tuna sandwich. She has long brown hair in a low ponytail, a green hoodie around her waist and a bright red shirt that stands out from the high vis jackets. Taylor asked the girl at the counter where the super glue was.

The girl slowly lifted her hand and pointed to an aisle.
"Thanks, uh, Thank you." stuttered Taylor.

The girl watched as Taylor made her way towards the superglue. While Taylor was trying to decide between 'Sticky Business' or 'Gregor's Award-Winning Glue,' something caught the corner of her eye. her and went to the super glue aisle but

she felt a weird sensation like something was pulling her towards something.

Taylor could not control herself; she walked over there and saw a small sculpture of a man sitting on a about 2 feet tall surrounded by paint buckets, cobwebs, and a **sponge**. She picked up the statue and observed it closely. But as she picked it up the sensation only got stronger. Taylor completely forgot about the super glue and walked over to the girl at checkout.

“Good choice” said a voice in front her.

Suddenly Taylor let out a slight gasp. It was the girl again. She has a name tag that says ‘Brittany’ she looks up at Taylor then the sculpture and her eyes light up.

“You know I sculpted that” Britney states proudly.

She must have noticed the confusion on Taylors face because she then said, “I’m a sculptor but I run this shop until I can pay off my debts”. She looks at Taylor with a smile, but she stays silent, she scans the sculpture

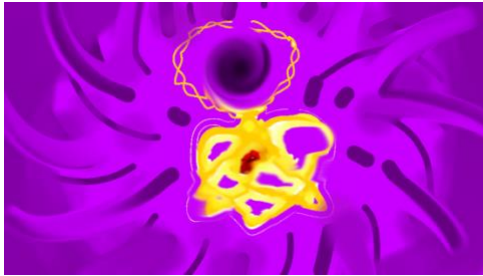
“\$11.99” she stated. Taylor hands over a crisp and gave her the change

“What’s your name” she asked

“Taylor” she responded

“Britney” she then says. Taylor went to pick up the sculpture and her necklace fell out of her shirt.

“Nice necklace” Britney says Taylor wore a ruby red necklace with gold around the rim of the gem. “Thanks, it was my mother’s.” She then left the store but as she did a **shiver** ran down her spine.



Chapter 2

What if by the time Taylor got home, opened her light green wooden door, and saw her guitar broken in half and strings spread all around it, she still did not remember about the super glue she originally needed.

When she realized she quickly picked up her broken guitar and went to her blue Toyota to drive the long 20 minutes back to the hardware store. When she came, she parked at the curb. However, when she entered there was no one at the store except for her, not even Britney was there. She placed the sculpture on the counter and waited for someone to come. Then after what felt like hours, she heard a thump coming from the storeroom and then another then another. This intrigued her and she slowly stepped towards the door with each step there being a louder thump.

When she finally reached the closed door, a soft purple glow came from beneath it, then her necklace floated up towards where her chin was and started to pull strongly towards the door. Taylor tried to step back but when she did it only pulled her closer. The door creaked open and sucked Taylor through it but luckily, she was able to grab onto a metal shelf.

Inside was a portal the soft glow of purple was no longer soft as it was now a deep swirl of pink and orchid. Taylor's blonde hair was being pulled into it along with her guitar, but she could

hold on. That was until a block of Tasty Cheese hit her in the face and knocked her into the void.



Chapter 3

What if there was a big gust of dusty wind? The next thing they knew; they were traveling through a portal to medieval times.

The sound of swords clashing and horses' hoofs galloping echoed through the portals void.

"What's that sound?" Britney said curiously. A mysterious scroll appeared in front of them, and it read

"Find the portal to the next time period."

"Time period?" questioned Taylor, "I thought we were in a different world!" she added. They continued to walk along a path. They saw knights fighting with long, shiny metal swords, and-

"Where are we?" Britney said with confusion.

"I think we are in medieval times." stated Taylor.

"I think so too" Britney replies.

The girls decided to listen to the scroll and find the portal back to the hardware store in Melbourne. They have followed every path to find that one portal but every one of them was unsuccessful, but this one eerie path. This path had a dark eerie feeling to it, so the two girls decided not to walk along it until now. This was their last hope of getting back to the hardware store.

"I don't think this path is safe." Taylor said cautiously.

“I’m sure it will be fine.” Britney said while walking ahead.

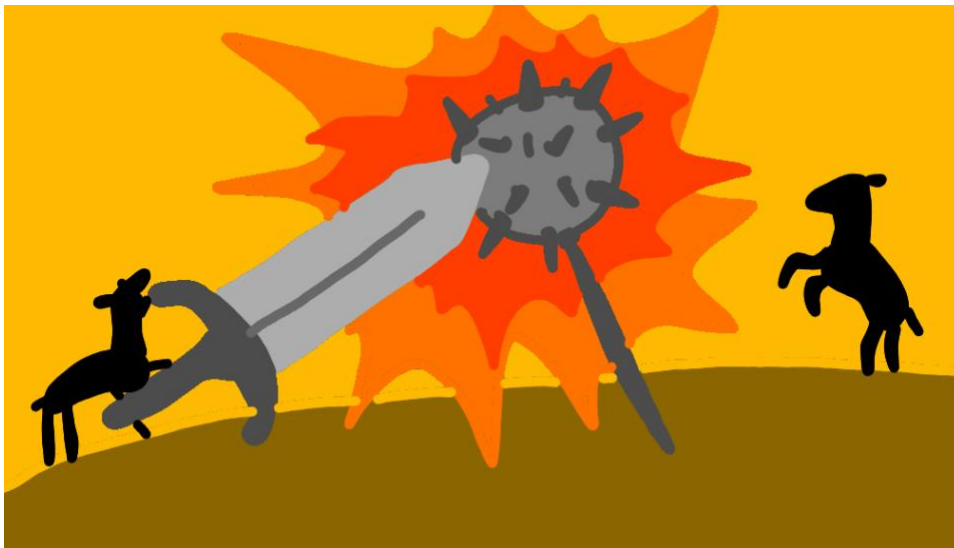
“Ok.....” said Taylor as she got a **shiver** down her spine, still unsure of what would happen at the end of the path.

The two girls walked down the eerie path not knowing if it was the correct path to the portal.

“YES!” Britney shrieked with excitement. “The portal!”

“We finally found it.” said Taylor in total relief.

As they walked up to the portal, it swirled and whirled, they entered it to go it back to the hardware store in Melbourne.



Chapter 4

What if there was a portal that travelled you back home?

“We’re back at the Hardware store” Taylor sighed in relief.

“At least we’re back home,” said Britney. “The medieval times are the worst!” Britney complained.

“Where’d your necklace go?” Britney asked. Taylor was confused. She did not know why Britney needed her necklace.

“I don’t have it anymore, why are you so concerned?” Taylor said.

“Just where’s the necklace!” Britney demanded. Taylor was in shock. She walked away towards the sculpture that had broken.

“I think this is what made the portal” she said, “but what happened to my necklace?” Britney and Taylor decided to look around the store for Taylor’s necklace. They searched in cupboards, drawers, even in the storage room, but they did not know where the necklace was. Then, Taylor looked at the broken sculpture and found the necklace.

“I found it! it’s here!” Taylor said. Britney stared at the necklace for a while then looked back up at Taylor. “I’m so glad you found it!” Britney said. “Can I have a look at it?” she asked.

“Sure!” Taylor agreed. Britney took the necklace as if she wanted it for herself, but Taylor didn’t notice.

“This is a really pretty necklace you’ve got here,” Britney said staring at it. “Good, you didn’t lose it!” Britney chuckled.

“I think we should check this broken sculpture out,” said Taylor. “Can I have my necklace back?” Taylor asked. Britney gave a light frown at Taylor but gave the necklace back.

“Thanks, now let's look at this sculpture” Taylor said. Britney didn’t want to, but they checked it out anyway.

Britney saw that Taylor had left her necklace on the table, so she decided to hide it in her pocket as they were walking to the sculpture. “Dang, this sculpture must be pretty messed up” Taylor says.

“Yeah, I almost feel bad for it” Britney giggles. Taylor turns her back and sees something shiny in Britney's pocket.

“What’s that?” Taylor asks pointing at Britney’s pocket.

“Oh, it’s just my ring” Britney says. Taylor does not believe her, so she takes out the shiny thing from Britney's pocket.

“That's not a ring, that’s my necklace!” Taylor says. “Why’d you take it?” she asks. Britney has a weary look on her face.

“Sorry h- here you go” Britney says while handing the necklace.

“It’s Ok, I don’t mind” Taylor says. Suddenly the girls see a streaming light in the broken sculpture. They walk towards the light looking confused.

“Don’t touch it!” yells Britney, “What if something happens!”.

“It’s fine nothing’s going to happen we’ll be fine” Taylor says.

Taylor gets closer and closer to the light as it shines brighter and brighter. She touches the light and... Taylor & Britney get sucked back into another portal.



Chapter 5

What if they time-travel and they are now in the Jurassic period? There are so many dinosaurs, the grass is green, the sky is blue and crystal-clear waters surround them. Taylor is running as fast as she can with Bri, as a t-rex is hot on their tail, trying to eat them.

Taylor screams back to Britney that ‘we must get something to draw the t-rex's attention!’ “Okay but first, we need to hide, then we kill something!” Bri replies. “All right looks good! Jump into the river,” exclaims Taylor. “Now we are all right to kill something it cannot see us” says Taylor. “Look there are so many fish, we could kill one of them,” said Bri. The girls spotted a broken branch on the ground from the gum tree that towered over them, shading the river. Out the corner of their eyes they saw a rock glimmering on the banks of the river. Then Taylor picked up the rock to sharpen their makeshift spear. They killed a fish that they then laid on the grass as bait for the T-rex. Taylor grabbed Bri’s arm as they sprinted towards a tall weeping tree. The T-rex lifted its nose in the air sniffing the blood in the air, leapt towards the dead fish and started to devour it.

As the girls watched on in terror, Bri had a sinister thought of taking the necklace for herself. Then, just before they returned

to the world they knew in the present, Bri yanked the necklace as it dangled from Taylor's neck. Taylor was in disbelief after Bri's actions, taking the necklace for herself. Taylor left to fend for herself, planned her escape from the T-rex. Whilst an empty feeling filled her gut, Taylor sprung from the tree she was hiding behind. Running away from the t-rex, she saw a ditch and jumped into it. The T-rex ran right past her and the fear on Taylor's face made her flushed skin go ghostly white.

After hearing the fading footsteps of the T-rex, Bri poked her head out from behind the boulder she hid behind, clutching the necklace in her hand. Out of pure fear, Bri's hands were covered in sweat. Her clammy hands dropped the shiny, ruby necklace and she watched it fall onto the ground and roll towards the ditch that Taylor was camouflaged in. Bri let out a scream accidentally catching Taylor's attention. Taylor came out of the ditch and saw Bri running towards the treasured necklace sticking out of the dirt-covered ground. As Taylor watched the scene before her, she realized that Bri wanted to take the necklace and use it for her own gain. Taylor knew that she needed to get the necklace back and avoid Bri getting it before her.

Taylor let out a scream as she jumped out of the ditch and ran towards the shiny necklace. Out of nowhere the T-rex came bounding towards the girls, with its big, sharp teeth bared in a

snarl. The girls gasped out of pure shock and knew that they needed to run for their life. Taylor, with the necklace now in her hand, turned her head as she heard the screeching sound of Bri falling. After battling with herself, she decided to run back and help Bri. Taylor knew that she had to do the right thing and help Bri as she could be of help in the future.

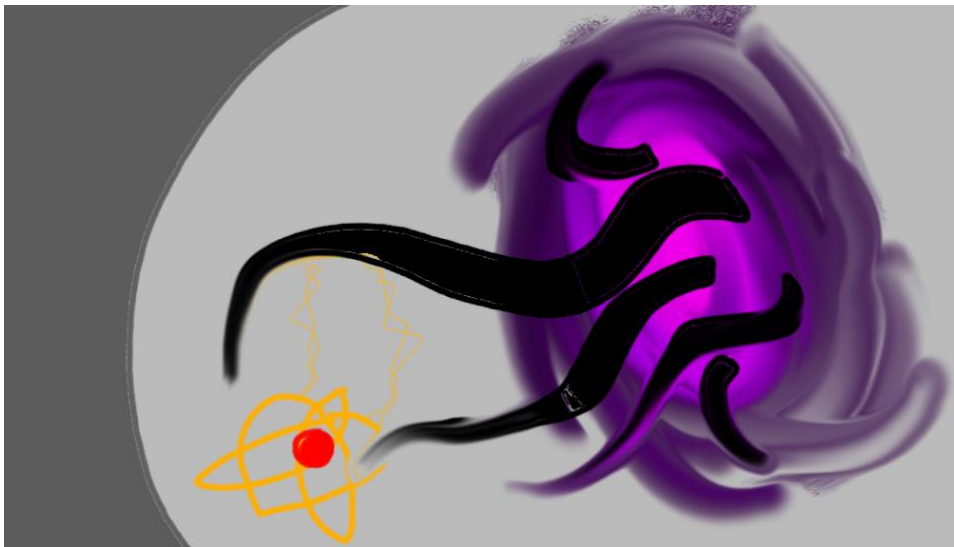
Bri sat down for a minute to relax as she could not walk or feel her legs. Taylor, out of breath asked Bri “do you think you can make it back to the portal?” Bri replied “yes, I can make it.”

Taylor held out the necklace in her hand and the girls jumped into the portal, transporting them to their next adventure.



Chapter 6

What if Taylor lands on her feet still out of breath, she makes sure her necklace is still on her then THUMP! Something lands on top of her, and she hits her head. When she looks up, her head throbbing in pain, she notices Britney trying to take the necklace off her, she screams and jumps back trying to get to her feet. But when she does, she realizes that that her necklace is not on her neck. She looks down and there it is laying on the wooden floorboards between the soft drink aisle and the junk food aisle. She quickly jumps to the floor, but Britney is right behind her and grabs it first they tug at the necklace and Britney even tries to take the Ruby but when she does it burns her skin causing her to yelp in pain and let it go. As Britney let us it goes it flings out of Taylors hand and goes straight through the portal. Britney looks at Taylor, but Taylor has already jumped in after it and then so does Britney.



Chapter 7

What if Taylor goes to the future with the villain?

Then they saw flying cars and walking robots and she saw a text that said, "In order to go back you have to complete my obstacles and whoever wins will leave my portal."

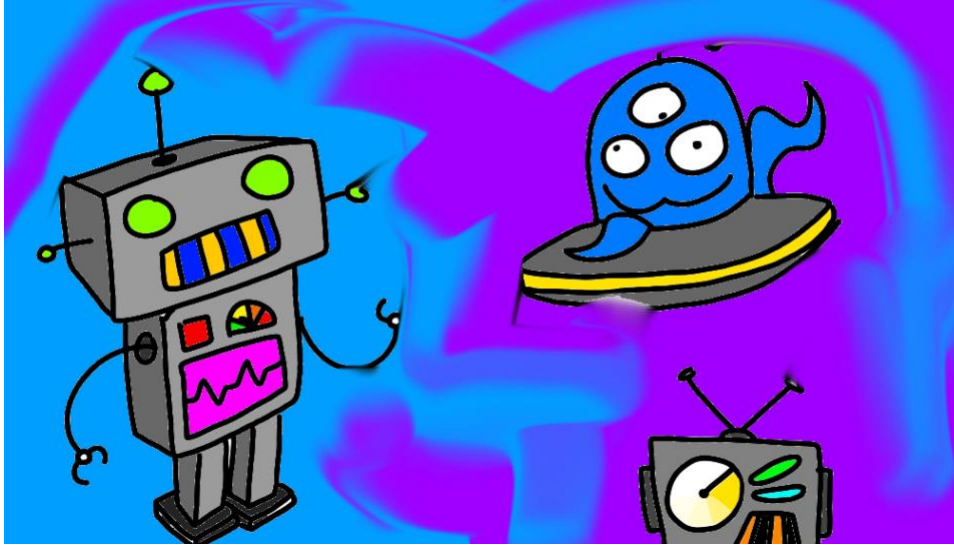
"Your first clue is near the blue alien." Taylor starts running, so does Britney and when they get to the blue alien, he hands them each a paper that says, "Run to my friend the green alien." They both run as fast as they can and get to the green alien. The alien gives them another paper to read that says,

"Your next clue is near the **tasty** cake." They ran one last time and got to the cake when they reached there they saw a sticky note that said "eat this cake and then run to the flying turquoise car" they both ate as fast as they can and ran to the turquoise car and then they saw a huge text that said "you have to fight in order to leave my portal." Taylor gasped as she felt **shivers** down her spine, she was terrified she was going to lose. As Britney looked to her left she saw a blue bat that she was determined to use it on Taylor, But as soon as Taylor saw the bat she ran the other way where she saw a guitar that had a really cool fire design and it shot out a fire but with Lasers and she ran for her life as soon as she got the guitar she could smell the burning of the fire and she felt nauseous because she could still taste the cake from earlier.

Bri charged at Taylor, but Taylor had the upper hand and struck her with fire. Britney goes flying back but she landed on a soft bouncy mat. When she lands, she smells metal. She looks behind her as she finds a giant pole that she can use but once again Taylor sees it coming and fires it at Britney's hand causing Britney to drop her pole from the pain.

Brittany felt like her hand melting away. As she looked at her hand, she realized she was melting. She looked at Taylor and said to her I think you just won, and I want you to know that you are a great person and that I did not like you at first, but I really love you now. Bye Taylor.' Taylor looked at Britney and realized what she just did. She felt so guilty, but she knew she had to run back to the portal before it closes, she made it back in time and jumped into the portal and made it back to the hardware shop. She looked around and realized She's the only one who made it back.

“Hahaha hahahaha!”



Chapter 8

“If we ever fought, I would totally win!”

“What! No way, Taylor!”

The summer breeze blew through the trees. Taylor and Britney sat on the cool grass on top of a hill as the sun faded from a light pink all the way to a deep purple. Crickets chirped in the silence of the night as all of Melbourne became quiet.

“Time Travel, that’s crazy” said Taylor, taking a bite of her **Tasty** Cheese.

“I have to go to work now, Taylor. They need me to do a night shift at Tim’s” said Britney while letting out a sigh. Taylor got up from the grass.

“I should go too. The band needs a lot more practice” Taylor replied.

Britney asked “Hey, did you find a name for it yet?”

“Oh, yeah! We decided on...drumroll please?”

Britney banged on her knees as Taylor proudly said, “The Rubies!”

The girls set off. Just before they left Britney told Taylor

“What if that stuff happened? That would be insane”.

“Yeah, but at least we would be in it together, right?” Taylor said with a wide grin.

Britney looked at the horizon and whispered “Right”



Epilogue

15 years later

As Taylor and Britney sit and watch the sunset they watch Rudy and Margo walk by and they hear Rudy say “Hey what if in the future they have flying cars and a time travel portal” Taylor looks and Britney and says “Remember when we did a whole story about us getting sucked into a portal because of my necklace and we went through different time travels and at the end we went to the future and we had to fight and I won but then you told me you actually loved me and I felt guilty for winning but I had to run back to the portal and when I got back I realized I was the only one who got back and made it back to the year 2023 we were such weird 16 year olds but when you think about it we were just kids trying to live our life and we had a wild imagination just like our kids.” As Brittany looked at Taylor, she said “Tay I loved having you as my childhood best friend, you are the best thing that ever happened to me.” Taylor looked at Britney and said “Aww, Bri your one of my bests friends we have gone through so much together and you been here for the ups and down and I loved making fake

scenarios with you and I hope our kids grow up to be just like us and have a moment where they make a fake story and imagine their self's time travelling and make the best memories.”

Blurb

What if there was a Music composer who could time travel.
What if there was a Villain who chased after her? **What** if they went to medieval times, defeated a Dinosaur, or fought in the future. **What if...** It all happened it all came true or what if it did not. What if it was 2 best friends with a wild imagination.

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