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Prewriting Sheet – James and the Giant Peach Writing

Writing Prompt: *Imagine that James had not tripped when the old man gave him the bag full of “tiny green things that looked like stones or crystals” and that James swallowed them like the man told him to. What would have happened in the story? How would things have been different?*

Write a short piece reimagining the story this way. Try to write the story as Roald Dahl would have, using figurative language and descriptive words. Remember to avoid using “I.” You are the new author of this story! Remember what makes a 4th grade sentence and what a fragment and run-on sentence are.

Your new story needs to follow a sequence of events. Keep this in mind when thinking of ideas and brainstorming.

Idea for your version of story (jot down some ideas about what you want to happen in your story now that he doesn't trip and spill the bag)

Pick your idea for the story (you listed ideas above, now pick one for your story to focus on)

Beginning (your first paragraph should be the beginning of the story i.e. what happens to the little green things and James now that they didn't fall on the ground)

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Middle (your middle paragraph should dive deeper into your version of the story Ex: in the real story, the middle is their adventure on the ocean. What is going to happen next in your story? This should be the most exciting part of the story!)

End (the end of your story should provide information about what happens to James at the end of your version of the story. It should let the reader know how all the excitement from the middle ended and what is going to happen to James in the end. It should provide a conclusion that does not leave your readers wondering what happened to James.)