

# Young Authors Gazette

## Week 2: Time Travel



Another spectacular week of Young Authors Day Camp in the (note)books! Our adventures around Cranbrook (and time) inspired campers to write about potential scenarios in the past, present, and future. Campers also visited the Cranbrook Institute of Science which spurred conversations & writing about how the past shapes our future. Campers had an excellent time swimming, exploring the campus, time traveling, and making lots of new friends! Thank you for supporting us and your young author, making Young Authors Day Camp be the best it can be!

**Mr. Blake & Ms. Ella**

Our theme for Week 2 was Time Travel. We had a number of fun writing prompts to consider in the morning as our young authors pondered traveling to other time periods, both ahead of us and behind us. On Monday, we spent some time creating our group community, replete with setting up agreements and norms as well as learning about various steps from Joseph Campbell's Hero's Journey. On Tuesday, we leaned into the time travel theme by watching a video on its scientific feasibility, in addition to making our very own Pokemon-like cards, describing our abilities. On Wednesday, we took a trip to Cranbrook Institute of Science; campers were mesmerized by the gems, jewels, and minerals exhibit. On Thursday, we learned about parts of speech, and went outside for a Pokemon adventure writing activity. On Friday, we shared our favorite writing from the week with the entire Young Authors Day Camp.



### **Ms. Natalie & Mr. Kasen**

Week 2 was a blast from the past! On Monday, we kicked off with a debate on whether to travel back to the past or into the future, honing our campers' argumentative writing and persuasion skills (sorry in advance, parents—extra dessert may be even more enticing now...). We also had “on the spot” writing, where campers exchanged random story elements and created stories from scratch. On Tuesday, we began with “chain writing” and reviewed parts of speech to prepare for our DIY Mad Libs later in the day. On Wednesday, we wrote alternative endings to our favorite books and movies, followed by a great trip to the Cranbrook Institute of Science. Our campers were especially enthusiastic about our writing adventures around campus, with a favorite being letter writing in the Japanese Gardens on Thursday. We wrapped up the week with a time travel “roll n’ write” and a fantastic author share!



### **Ms. Jane & Mr. Sam**

Our second week at YADC went wonderfully with tons of different writing activities and prompts like Monday's letters to our future selves and plans to fix a time machine in the Japanese Gardens. On Tuesday, we learned about ekphrasis by looking at paintings, reading a poem, and writing our own perspectives on different characters from inside a painting. We also debated the ethics of time travel using our opinions and reasoning. Wednesday, we wrote letters to historical figures and famous people to share our appreciation before exploring the Cranbrook Institute of Science! Campers used their imagination to write about how museums will look 100 years from now. Thursday, campers wrote choose your own adventure stories outside with partners or groups, and on Friday we played a character mystery game where we had to find out who the time traveler was!



### **Mr. Zach & Lumi**

Happy end of week two from Zack and Lumi's group! This week was a hilarious romp through character development, dialogue writing, and scene planning. Campers were engaged developing characters to be turned into a skit. Campers engaged in activities to turn their ideas into plans in teams of two or three. Skits ranged from the absurd to the realistic and we all shared a laugh. We also trekked around campus, visiting the Cranbrook Institute of Science for some earthly inspiration. We also enjoyed time at the Japanese Gardens writing and reflecting and sharing community space for writing our anthology pieces. We look forward to what the coming weeks will bring. Have a restful weekend!





## Ms. Morgan & Ms. Riley

Our campers began the week traveling back to Ancient Egypt where we talked about hieroglyphics and how language has developed over time. Campers were then tasked to create their own hieroglyphics and put on their archeological hats to decipher their classmates as well. Tuesday began with designing and writing about what we think our time machine would look like-which we then hopped in to travel back to Caveman times to do some Caveman poetry! We welcomed in the middle of the week by “interviewing” our favorite historical figures and writing articles about them. Followed by an exciting trip to the Cranbrook Institute of Science where the exhibits gave inspiration for some “one-sentence” stories back at camp. We wrapped up the week by having fun with some Telestrations and talking about how details matter in a story. Finally, we traveled forward to the future by writing letters to our future selves-imagining what goals and milestones we may achieve in the next five years!

