

Kid Friendly Mentor Central Ideas (Controlling Ideas/Theses)

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1. When it comes to story ideas, authors are happily accident-prone.
2. I was about ten when a buffalo nickel changed my life.
3. Only councilors and officials of the highest rank were permitted in the Celestial Presence.
4. Because my grandfather knew jungles well, he was persuaded to accompany a hunting party in the Terai jungles near Dehra, in Northern India where he found Timothy, our tiger cub.
5. It's long been told in my family that Great-Grandfather Einar married Cousin Gretta, but that is not true, although the story is exciting.
6. Surnames didn't always exist.
7. Wouldn't it be great to give Mom flowers that keep their bloom long after Mother's Day?
8. My mother had this habit of saying, "People can surprise you."
9. In the summer of 1839, when Ted Judah was thirteen, he accepted a job as a surveyor's assistant on the Schenectady/Troy Railroad because his family could no longer afford his school tuition, so Ted took the railroad job as a way to learn surveying and to earn money.
10. I am going to explain why stars twinkle.
11. All day long at her office job, she had to smile and be pleasant.
12. Create a world in a bottle by making a terrarium.
13. I am going to tell you about a time when experts believed it was humanly impossible to run a mile in under four minutes.
14. The Roman general Lucullus, who was as famous for his love of food as for the battles he won, is believed to have brought cherries from Asia to Italy.
15. Ezra Feldman's father knew six different languages.
16. Have you ever seen the world's smallest mammal?
17. No one knows exactly when the Chinese began to use chopsticks, but some say it was greedy people who thought of them first.
18. Animals love to play.
19. I have a cat that is soft and fluffy, pretty and gray, and the color of the smoke that swirls out of the smoke hole when my mother is cooking.
20. Surprise! There really is no such thing as the *original* Declaration of Independence.
21. Did you know that Dragons really do exist?

