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Thank you so much for your interest! I love engaging with young readers and hope you find this information helpful. Please note that these sessions may be combined in one school visit. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me through the form on my website, www.melaniesumrow.com. In the meantime, happy reading!

Session 1

Workshop: After the Aha! Moment: How to Turn an Idea into a Story

(Approximately 45 minutes)

- ❖ Best for a classroom setting
- ❖ 30 students or less
- ❖ Especially good for students with an interest in Creative Writing
- ⊗ Teacher must be present during workshop

In this workshop, we'll discuss what to do after you have that great idea. How do you develop an idea into a whole story? We'll explore how to move from a story pitch to a summary of your story to character development and more!

➔ I'm happy to include a signing of my books following the workshop!

Session 2

Presentation and Q&A Session: Book Cover Development

(Approximately 20-minute talk, followed by a Q&A about my books and publishing in general)

- ❖ Best for a classroom setting
- ❖ 50 students or less
- ⊗ Teacher must be present during Presentation and Q&A

In this presentation, I walk students through the book cover development process for The Prophet Calls and my upcoming book, The Inside Battle, showing slides of artwork that became the launching point for the final covers. We discuss artistic and design development, along with the real life inspiration behind the covers. The session ends with a Q&A from students about my books and publishing in general.

➔ I'm happy to include a signing of my books following the presentation!

Session 3

Presentation and Q&A Session: Resilience and Following Your Dreams

(Approximately 25-minute talk, followed by a Q&A about my books and publishing in general)

- ❖ Best for a classroom setting or assembly
- 🕒 Teacher(s) must be present during Presentation and Q&A

In this presentation, I discuss the long road to publishing and how resilience is a necessary part to following your dreams. I draw comparisons to Gentry in The Prophet Calls and Rebel in The Inside Battle, discussing how strength and determination are critical components to finding our way in the world. The session ends with a Q&A from students about my books and publishing in general.

➔ I'm happy to include a signing of my books following the presentation!

Session 4

Skype Session: Q&A About My Books and Publishing in General

(20 minutes)

- ❖ Best for a classroom or book club setting
- ❖ Ideal for students who have already read *The Prophet Calls* or have questions about my upcoming book, *The Inside Battle*
- 🕒 Teacher must be present during Q&A

In this Q&A Session, I'll answer students' questions about my books and publishing in general.

All prices available upon request.