

Free Samples and Prompts From Monica Harris!

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Grades 4-6: Excerpts from my featured article, *Creative Starting Blocks*, in **Think and Discover** magazine.

Instructions: In the race of creativity, every writing athlete needs an edge. Get your students going with Creative Starting Blocks and watch them spring for the finish line. Allow students to share their ideas or keep their responses/sketches in a journal book.

What would you do...

1. if you saw your best friend steal something from a store?
2. if you woke up one day with an extra pair of arms?

What would you think...

1. if your father quit his executive job to become a party clown?
2. the world would be like if monsters were real?

What would you write...

1. as a play where the main character is a gorilla?
2. as an advertisement for the product, *Martha's Miracle Mudd*?

What would you make...

1. as a sand castle if you could use an entire beach?
2. as a disguise for a runaway snowman?

What would you say...

1. if you found out you had a twin who was adopted by another family at birth?
2. to a goldfish if he could talk?