Maine Youth PLAYWRITING

CHALLENGE #1:

INSPIRATION

List 5 things in the room you’re sitting in. (Hint- you’re in the room too!)

1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 
5. 

List 5 outside the room you’re sitting in that are interesting too:

1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 
5. 

Let your imagination go wild and list 5 more things:

1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 
5.
Now narrow your list down to 6 by circling or highlighting.

Now ask yourself “what-if” and see how your ideas come together.

How do your ideas fit in with Pixar’s 4th rule of Storytelling?
(https://www.aerogrammestudio.com/2013/03/22/the-story-spine-pixars-4th-rule-of-storytelling/)

Once upon a time there was_________________________________________.

Every day,_______________________________________________________.

One day_______________________________________________________.

Because of that, _________________________________________________.

[Because of that, _______________________________________________. ]*

Until finally ___________________________________________________.

*Note: the second “because of that” is optional.

If any of these make you truly excited to write a play, you have found your inspiration.

Writer/ Director/ Teacher Brian Williams wrote Pixar’s 4th rule of storytelling.
Check out all of Pixar’s 22 Rules, they are incredibly helpful to storytellers and playwrights like you. (https://images.app.goo.gl/DiruTaeGzcW8fJAt8)

Next step: Develop those characters in PLAYWRITING CHALLENGE #2!