



#### Mary Pope Osborne, author of the Magic Tree House® series, answers YOUR reader questions below!

#### What's new in the world of Magic Tree House®?

Mary: Well, I've been writing Magic Tree House® books for over thirty years now, and over that time, the series has evolved in so many different ways! The latest of which has been the addition of graphic novels based on some of the earliest books in the series! So far, these include Dinosaurs Before Dark, The Knight at Dawn, and Mummies in the Morning. Next is Pirates Past Noon!

## If you could go on the adventure in one of your books, which would you choose?

Mary: The one that I have such a wonderful feeling about is Stage Fright on a Summer Night, when Jack and Annie go to Elizabethan England to the Globe Theater to meet William Shakespeare. I have a very fond place for it in my heart!

### What is your biggest piece of advice for Magic Tree House<sup>®</sup> fans who are aspiring writers?

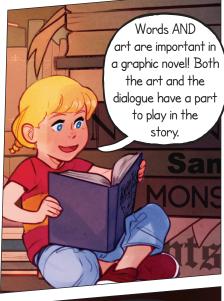
Mary: Write your story, then try to make it better by rewriting it. Rewrite, rewrite, rewrite. But don't think of rewriting as "hard work." Combining your language skills with your imagination can truly be an exciting adventure.

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## BRAINSTORM YOUR GRAPHIC NOVEL!

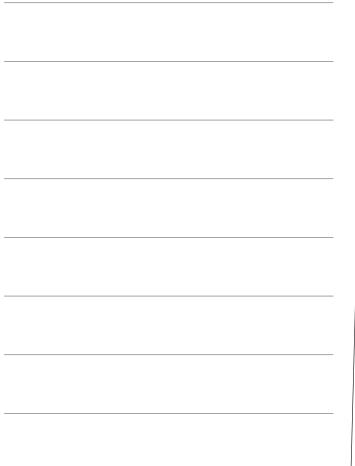
Create your own Magic Tree House® adventure!

Brainstorming is a great way to come up with creative ideas for any story, including graphic novels. On the cover of this magazine, you'll see that the story is incomplete! Use the lines below or your own paper to begin brainstorming where you can take this story. Why are Jack and Annie in the water? Who is Morgan le Fay, and what is the pirate saying to them? Write down as many ideas as you can. Once you have your ideas listed, start circling the ones you want to use!

Now that you've brainstormed where you are taking your story, it's time to start thinking about your characters! Who is the pirate who is talking to Jack and Annie? Is he going to help them on their adventure, or will he try to thwart them at every turn? Using the space below, tell us about your pirate!

What is your pirate's name?

Tell us about your pirate!







# CREATE YOUR OWN PIRATE ADVENTURE!

The magic tree house has whisked Jack and Annie aboard a pirate ship! Using your brainstorm notes and your new pirate character, finish the cover of this magazine and draw your version of the story below!



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- Reading Level Guide for all Magic Tree House® books and Fact Trackers
- Comprehensive Lesson Plans for every Magic Tree House® book and Fact Tracker.

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