

# THEATRE CENTRE

Online Writing Course

How to Write a Great Opening Scene

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*Please use this worksheet with the related video.*

## **Exercise 1: Warm Up**

If you could have one superpower, what would it be?

Write your answer down below in big, bold writing.

## Exercise 2: We too, are Giants

Read the opening scene from *We too, are Giants* by Chinonyerem Odimba on the workshop video.

Answer the questions below by drawing upon the information the writer has given us in this first scene. Try to include as much detail as possible in your answers.

What are 5 things we have learnt? (e.g. about the characters, the setting, the situation)

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Where are we in the world?

Do all the characters know each other?

What makes you, the reader/audience, want to find out more?

## Exercise 3: Key Questions

Think back to the superpower you chose in Exercise 1.

This superhero is going to be your character. From the point of view of your character, answer the questions below.

Where am I?

Who am I?

What's around that corner?

## **Exercise 4: Take Away**

Using your work from Exercise 3, you now have the foundation to write a great opening scene.

Write an opening scene for your superhero character.

Remember that a great opening scene makes the reader want to keep reading.