

Secrets From Great Writers!

THIS MONTH'S SECRET: PILING ON THE DETAIL

In his story "Disaster In Space," Arthur Goldwag proves that he is a writing star. And you can be too, if you steal one of Arthur's secrets!

Directions: Follow the prompts below.

In "Disaster in Space," Arthur Golwag describes how a group of men on the ground work together to figure out how to help the astronauts who are trapped in space. Instead of just writing, "they worked together to find solutions," Arthur creates a vivid scene that comes alive in the mind:

Arthur Writes:

"In Houston, Bobby's father and the hundreds of people he worked with were in full crisis mode, hunched over consoles that monitored *Apollo 13's* condition, poring over blueprints, diagrams and equations, wracking their brains for solutions to problems no one had faced before.

Arthur's trick:

Break down the thing you are describing into different parts and describe each one separately.

TRY IT!

1. Describe a fierce rainstorm by thinking of five separate parts of it and providing details about each one.

2. Describe a galloping horse by thinking of five separate parts of it and providing details about each one.
