

The background features a stylized beach scene. At the top right is a large, orange sun with radiating lines. Below it are light blue and white wavy shapes representing clouds. The bottom half of the image is dominated by layered, wavy shapes in various shades of teal and blue, representing waves or a beach. The text is overlaid on these elements.

**BUILDING on top the
setting, characters, plots**

The Venice Beach

Boardwalk Bonanza

**MORE ENGAGE, PHRASES YOU
MEMORISE/ADD**

Writing Prompt

CALIFORNIA

Bondi beach, manly beach, sand dunes

Write a story about Zack's campaign to save the unique culture of Venice Beach Boardwalk, Starting with...

Tropical/ arid environment

Zack's skateboard clattered to the ground as he stared in disbelief at the glossy billboard. 'Coming Soon: Sunset Plaza - Luxury Shopping, Dining, and Entertainment,' it proclaimed, showing no trace of the colourful Venice Beach Boardwalk he called home...

PLOT (THEME)

Livid
Irate, infuriated
SIMILAR SETTINGS



Introduction

On the vibrant Venice Beach Boardwalk in Los Angeles, 14-year-old skateboarding prodigy Zack Torres faces the challenge of his young life. When a wealthy developer threatens to transform the iconic boardwalk into an upscale shopping complex, Zack realises he might lose not just his favourite skate spot, but the heart and soul of his community. With the help of his eclectic group of friends – an aspiring street artist, a junior lifeguard, and a budding documentary filmmaker – Zack launches a campaign to save the boardwalk's unique culture and the livelihoods of the local street performers and vendors. Their journey takes them from the sun-soaked shores of Venice to the glitzy hills of Hollywood, as they navigate the complex world of Los Angeles politics, media, and entertainment.

Story Starter

ATMOSPHERE (emotions-
anger, beautiful boardwalk ,
nightmarish possibility of cranes

CONFLICT (zack vs the
developers)

RESOLUTION
Zack's skateboard clattered to a halt as he
stared in disbelief at the glossy billboard
looming over his beloved Venice Beach
Boardwalk: "Coming Soon: Sunset Plaza -
Luxury Shopping, Dining, and
Entertainment," it proclaimed, the artist's
rendering showing no trace of the colourful,
chaotic boardwalk he called home.

PLAN

CHUNKS OF
MEMORY



Narrative Outline

1. The Boardwalk Blues
2. Assembling the Venice Beach Crew
3. Lights, Camera, Activism!
4. Star-Studded Setbacks
5. The Boardwalk's Last Stand

The Boardwalk Blues

Setting the Scene:

- Zack learning about the development plan for Venice Beach Boardwalk
 - The reaction of local performers, vendors, and residents
 - Zack's decision to take action
- PERSON (hollow eyes, sunken cheekbones, profit driven, stripped of all soul/blood/heart, pale, stark, gaunt)



EXTREMES
(POSITIVE/
NEGATIVE)

Exemplars:

Quirky cursive
letters

Soulful-family run

1. "Zack weaved through the bustling boardwalk, past juice bars and souvenir shops, his mind racing faster than his board ever could. How could anyone want to replace this vibrant chaos with another soulless mall?"

Retrograde vintage,

outmoded quaint

Milk bars with Elvis memorabilia

antique

2. "'But where will I play my flaming bagpipes?' wailed Scottie, the kilted street performer. Zack patted his shoulder, realising it wasn't just his skate spot at stake - it was an entire ecosystem of weird and wonderful."

Old school

3. "As the sun dipped into the Pacific, painting the sky in cotton-candy hues, Zack made a promise to the boardwalk beneath his feet. 'I don't know how,' he whispered, 'but I'm going to save you.'"

Bygone era, pastel colours, stained glass
windows, vinyl records playing in the
background, soft chattering, plush red leather
chair, mahogany table top, rusted chair legs,

Old newspaper clippings, craft beer taps,
weathered bricks, scraped up floor, mosaic
patterns in windows, dim yellow ambience

Setting the Scene:

- Zack recruiting friends with different skills and connections
- Planning their campaign strategy at the famous Muscle Beach
- Dealing with initial doubts and disagreements

Old Ellen (40s)- hunched preparing the century old Coke Float (secret family recipe)- President Jimmy Carter had frequented this milk bar in his heyday.



Examples:

INCORRECT USAGE: characters athlete, soldier, strongman, REPEATING COMPLEX WORDS: negative aura teacher, olympian A CAR

1. "Zack perched on a weight bench at Muscle Beach, surrounded by his misfit crew.

'Okay, team,' he said, dodging a flying medicine ball, 'Operation Save the Soul of Venice is now in session.'

Sinewy muscles, green pulsating veins, abs rippling under his shirt, imposing torso, stringy flesh, gaunt chin, hollow cheeks, brawn rugged build, robust posture, goatee, moustache, bald, muscle-bound, inflexible

2. "'I can cover the boardwalk in awareness murals,' said Rosa, twirling a spray paint can. 'And I can get the beach patrol on our side,' added Kai, adjusting his junior lifeguard whistle. Zack grinned. 'This just might work.'

Rugfled hair, tyedye shirt, denim overalls, curly hair, suspenders, auburn hair, splotches of paint, bohemian dress

3. "Their brainstorming was interrupted by the arrival of a sleek black SUV. A man in an expensive suit stepped out, eyeing the outdoor gym with distaste. Zack's smile faded. They were up against some serious money and power."

Outfit appearance emotions

Blacked out windows, tinted,
gleaming obsidian, onyx, arrogant,
free of blemishes, guards, single
digit nameplate, Mercedes Maybach

Setting the Scene:

- Organising a skateboarding flash mob at the Santa Monica Pier

- Creating a viral video showcasing boardwalk culture at the Venice

Skatepark

- Facing opposition from those who support the 'clean-up' of Venice Beach



glittering emeralds of a variety
of shades on his slick nefarious
jacket

Exemplars:

1. "The tourists on Santa Monica Pier gasped as hundreds of skateboarders suddenly appeared, performing tricks in perfect synchronisation. Zack led the charge, his heart pounding in time with the wheels on concrete."

ACROBATS

CIRQUE DU
SOLIEL
EXHIBITION

2. "At the Venice Skatepark, Maya's camera captured it all: street artists creating masterpieces, bodybuilders posing, fortune tellers reading palms. 'This,' Zack said to the lens, 'is the real Venice. And it's worth saving.'"

3. "'These kids don't understand progress,' a smooth voice argued on a local radio show. Zack gritted his teeth. He understood plenty - including the difference between progress and erasing history."

Star-Studded Setbacks

Setting the Scene:

- A discouraging meeting with city officials at Los Angeles City Hall
- An unexpected encounter at the Hollywood Walk of Fame
- Finding allies at the famous Griffith Observatory



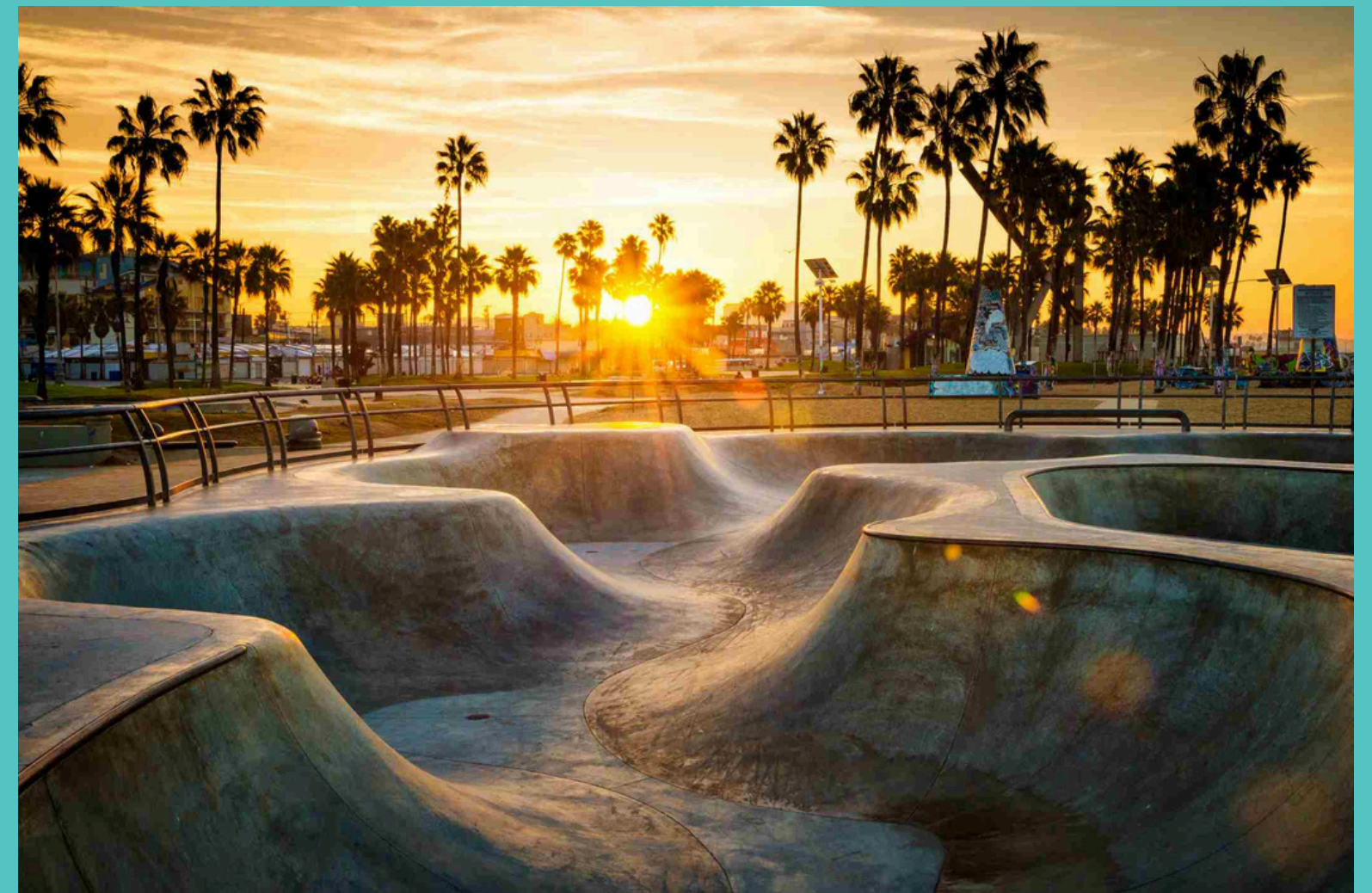
Exemplars:

1. "Zack's skateboard felt heavy in his hands as he climbed the steps of City Hall. 'Remember,' he told his friends, 'we're fighting for the soul of Venice. Let's show them what that means.'"
2. "The stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame blurred beneath Zack's feet as he raced after the celebrity he'd just spotted - one who'd publicly supported the development. 'Wait!' he called. 'I need to change your mind!'"
3. "From the Griffith Observatory, the sprawling city looked like a sea of lights. 'Look,' said Rosa, pointing, 'you can see Venice from here.' Zack squinted at the distant shore, a plan forming in his mind. 'Guys,' he said slowly, 'I think I know how we can win this.'"

The Boardwalk's Last Stand

Setting the Scene:

- Organising a massive 'Venice Beach Cultural Festival' on the boardwalk
- A surprise turn of events during the developer's press conference
- The aftermath and the future of Venice Beach



Exemplars:

1. "The boardwalk pulsed with energy as thousands gathered for the festival. Skaters, artists, musicians, and vendors showcased the best of Venice. Zack's heart swelled with pride as he saw news cameras capturing it all."
2. "A hush fell over the crowd as the developer approached the microphone. Zack held his breath, feeling the hopes of Venice Beach resting on his shoulders."
3. "Months later, Zack rolled over a newly installed plaque on the boardwalk. 'Venice Beach Cultural Heritage Site,' it read. He smiled. Sometimes, preserving the past was the best way to move into the future."

Vocabulary List

1. Prodigy: A person, especially a young one, endowed with exceptional qualities or abilities
2. Iconic: Widely recognised and well-established
3. Eclectic: Deriving ideas, style, or taste from a broad and diverse range of sources
4. Vibrant: Full of energy and enthusiasm
5. Upscale: Relating to or denoting shops and goods appealing to affluent consumers
6. Livelihoods: A means of securing the necessities of life
7. Glossy: Attractive in a superficial way
8. Chaotic: In a state of complete confusion and disorder
9. Ecosystem: A complex network or interconnected system
10. Synchronisation: The action of causing a set of things to occur at the same time
11. Masterpieces: Works of outstanding artistry, skill, or workmanship
12. Erasing: Removing all traces of something
13. Sprawling: Spreading out over a large area in an untidy or irregular way
14. Pulsed: Throbbled or beat with a strong, regular rhythm
15. Heritage: Valued objects and qualities such as cultural traditions that have been passed down from previous generations