Notes from ETA Conference

Writing Workshop by Marcus Zusack

1. Steal (ideas, things you see & hear)
2. Detail – make the audience believe
3. Unexpected – what is the opposite?
4. One Good Thing (per page)
5. Edit to excel (The Book Thief was edited 150-200 times!!)

Get to the Nitty Gritty:

1. What happened?
2. How did it feel?

Make the feeling what happened, eg what did the fear do?

“The fear ______________ through me.”

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______________________ use rhyming words.

Throw brick walls up all the time – could be:

- a feeling
- a saying (clichés)
  rhyming words
  opposites

(* brick walls are obstacle or complications)
Mind mapping ideas & words

sweat – (8 more words that sweat can do beginning with dr...)

- drip
- dr...
- dr...

Jessica Simpson poster
(tells age of person)

The last 5 words in the list will be the most interesting!

Explore silly ideas!
Use word association.

Burning Home

smoke
flames
alarm

Make all these words DO SOMETHING

(what does the alarm do-
- rhyming word
- opposite
- anything but beeping!)