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Dear Mrs. O'Dell:

My name is Dena Robinson and I am a fifth grade student at Blanchard School in Santa Paula, California. My reading class is currently working on a literature project. My classmates and I are writing to our favorite authors. Before we wrote our letters we have been reading your books and studying sketches about you.

I have already read: Island Of The Blue Dolphins and Black Pearl and I think it's super.

I am interested in what made you decide to become a writer. Did you start writing stories when you were my age or did you wait until you graduated from college?

Did you have someone encourage you a lot? Was it a teacher or some other adult? Who was your favorite author when you were younger?