



Let the story writing begin!



WRITERS CONTEST

The Best Stories Begin with

Brainstorming



Sometimes it's hard to think of your own story. Brainstorming is a way to come up with new and different ideas. Just by writing down the first thing that comes to your mind, you can create a plan for a great story. Brainstorm using this activity page by writing or drawing your ideas in each of the sections. If you need help, ask an adult to record your ideas. Then, pick your favorites and use them to write your story.

Story Structure All stories have a beginning, middle and an end.

Think about how you want the story to start, what will happen throughout the story and how will it end.

Beginning

Middle

End



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Main Character

The person, animal or thing your story is about.

Create a list of different characters you want in your story and describe them (Spike the dog is fluffy, Aunt Sally always wears funny clothes).

Character

Description



Problem and Resolution

The challenge your character(s) face and how they overcome it.

Create a list of problems (passing a math quiz, fighting an evil villain). Then in a separate list create ways to solve the problem (practice solving math problems). Choose your favorite scenarios for your story and circle them.

Problem

Resolution



Setting

Where your story takes place.

Create a list of different places (the zoo, the moon) and choose whether it's the past, present or future (last year, next Tuesday). Think about how the setting might affect your character (the snow made it cold).



All that brainstorming has paid off. You now have a basic plan. Turn the page over and use the space to start your story. Have fun!

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