

Write Your Own Story

Start with drawing an outline of the story or writing a draft. This is sometimes called a storyboard. Visualize how the story will fall, how the reader will read it.

What information does the reader need to know? What message do you want to convey in your story? What is the point? The point is something that your readers can relate to/identify with/find interesting.

Plotline: What happens in the story? This is called plot.

There has to be some question, mystery or conflict the main character is trying to solve.

Create a plotline that has a problem that is resolved in the story.

Character Development: Think about your characters. Who is your main character or your protagonist? How does your main character grow and change? What do they like, what do they dislike? What do they care about? What drives and motivates them? How do your characters engage with one another?

Action Writing: Start in the action. Have a great first line that sets up the stakes or grabs attention. Think about what happens after the action when your readers are fully drawn into the story. They want to know “what happens next?!”

Draft Your Story

1. Start with an idea.

2. Decide on a time period and setting.

3. Decide who your main character will be.

4. Come up with two other characters.

5. Decide on a genre.

Will your story be a mystery, fantasy fiction, play or another genre?

6. Give your main character a reason to exist and a conflict to solve.

7. Use action-based writing.

8. Draw your readers attention fully into the story.

9. Does your main character resolve the conflict? If so, how?

10. End with a conclusion.