

Story Starters

One-line story starters are great for group writing. They have enough conflict to start the writing flow, but are open-ended to allow each writer to follow his or her own direction. Before we begin, let us review what makes a story compelling.

The elements of a story include:

Setting-Where and when a story takes place.

Characters-People within the story.

Sequence-Series of events that generate a plot.

Conflict-The problem faced by the characters.

Climax-The conflict of the plot is resolved.

Resolution-The end of the story identifies what happened to the characters after the conflict.

To Begin

- Go to <http://www.learner.org/interactives/story/>
- Look at the tabs across the top (elements of a story).
 - Click on each one of the tabs and read and listen to the definitions as a review before you begin to write your story.
 - You may want to use a headset to listen.
 - The seven sections each focus on individual story elements: setting, characters, sequence of events, exposition, conflict, climax, and resolution.
 - In each section, a brief explanation of the element is included, followed by an activity.
 - You do not have to do the activity.

Next

- Next you will need a writing prompt to get you started on your story. Remember this is to be fun, silly and interactive.
- Go to <http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/storystarters/storystarter1.htm> to generate your writing prompt.
 - Type in your name and choose a grade level (it does not matter which grade level you choose).
 - Next, hit the spin wheel button on each spindle or use the spin wheel lever to the right to spin each category separately.
 - After you spin, your story starter will appear. It may be quite goofy, but that is okay.
 - There are a few starting options that don't relate to story writing AVOID these.
 - If you need to re-spin do so for just that category.
 - Use the snipping tool to document your story starter then close the website.

Write

- Write a short creative writing piece using Google Sites.
- Our class site <https://sites.google.com/site/ict2class/home>
 - On the home page there are directions on how to setup your own page and how to start your writing your story