ENGLISH · YEAR 8

Narrative Writing: Story Structure and Plot

Plan and write a short story with a clear beginning, middle and end.

Name _____ **Date** _____

Your task: Plan a story in which a character faces a conflict. Show what they want, how they respond and how the experience changes them. **Story spark:** Your character finds a message that was never meant for them. Use this idea or invent your own.

1 Plan your story

Jot down ideas

Main character

Who are they, and what do they want most?

Setting

Where and when does the story happen? Add a vivid detail.

Conflict

What gets in the way? What could your character risk or lose?

Character development

How might your character think or act differently by the end?

2 Map the plot

Beginning

Introduce the character and setting. What is life like before the problem?

Middle

What conflict appears? What choices make it harder?

End

How is the conflict resolved? What has changed?

3 Write your story

Story title _____

Use your plan. Build the conflict, and show your character's thoughts, feelings or actions as the story unfolds.

Before you finish, check: ☐ Clear beginning, middle and end ☐ Conflict is developed ☐ Character changes