

Write a story

1. Brain storm - Characters, setting, problem, solution. Think about the “ Who, What, When, Where, Why” for the story.
2. Write a first draft - share it with Mrsecramb@gmail.com, and a peer who you think might be able to give you good ideas to improve your story. (Remember, editing someone else’s story at this point, is done by asking questions....”Can you help me understand what you mean by....?, Tell me more about....? This part sounds interesting, do you think it might be better to))
3. Edit your draft - underline words you think could be made more powerful , consider suggestions made by your peer and Mrs. C.
4. Start with a GREAT first sentence- something that will grab your reader’s attention so they want to keep reading. (we will practice how to do this together)
5. The story should include some dialogue between 2 characters (as we have practiced this already).
6. When you finish your first draft, make sure you tell me at the top what you are proud of....and what you might like some help to improve.
7. Don’t forget to give your story a title.
8. Check your finished story against our criteria sheet...which we will make together and add to the bottom of this document.

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Lady Sleeping: Who is she? Why is she lying in bed? What is on her book?

The sinking car

Why is the car in the water? Is there someone in it? Will they live or die? How did it get there?

Under The Rug: *Two weeks passed and it happened again,* (accompanied by a bald man in a cardigan wielding a chair at a lump under a rug). What is under the rug? Why does he have a chair in his hands? Who is he? Where is he?

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