

Brainstorming Ideas

Objective

- to help students generate ideas for their own ARTHUR stories

Materials

- Brainstorming Ideas activity sheet
- drawing paper
- pencils
- drawing materials (optional)

Directions

- 1 Tell students that they will be brainstorming ideas for their own stories about Arthur. Begin by asking them what comes to their mind when they think of Arthur (for example, problems at school or at home, getting help from family and friends, and learning to do new things).
- 2 Record students' ideas on the chalkboard or chart paper. Sort the ideas into four categories—setting, characters, problems, and solutions.
- 3 Have students use the Brainstorming Ideas activity sheet to record original ideas for their own stories. *Where will the story take place* (settings)? *Who will be in the story* (characters)? *What will be the big idea or the main problem in the story* (problems)? *How will the problem be resolved* (solutions)?
- 4 Encourage students to use the ideas on their brainstorming chart to develop their story plan (page 20) and to refer back to this chart throughout the writing process.

Activity Options



- Group brainstorming may be used to create a class story.
- Have students work in pairs or small groups.
- Have students draw their ideas.
- Have students use their ideas to create an ARTHUR skit.

student activity sheet

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Name: Paulo Soto

Settings in my science class on the playground at recess in my neighborhood at the ball game after school	Characters Arthur, D.W. my teacher and classmates me and my sister Mr. Ratburn
Problems I lost my science project. Arthur trips the class bully by accident. I have the chicken pox and miss the class play. Arthur and I want to make the team but think we're not fast enough.	Solutions Arthur helps me. Arthur and I practice for tryouts. Arthur and the class perform the play outside my window.



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Name: _____

Settings

Characters

Problems

Solutions

