

My Story Plan

Objective

- to develop ideas for a story's major events before beginning to write

Materials

- My Story Plan activity sheet
- pencils
- overhead projector and transparency (optional)

Directions

- 1 Distribute a My Story Plan activity sheet to each student.
- 2 Read through the activity sheet with your class. Talk about ways to complete the plan by finishing sentences with story ideas.
- 3 Using some of the information from the brainstorming activity sheet on page 19 and new ideas for story events, have students complete the My Story Plan activity sheet.
- 4 Encourage students to follow their plan as they begin their drafts.

Activity Options

- Duplicate the My Story Plan activity sheet on a transparency. Using an overhead projector, plan a collaborative story with the class.
 - Provide students with time to talk with a "writing buddy" about their story plan.
 - Talk with students about their story plans before they begin to write.
 - Let students draw pictures as part of their story planning.
 - For a story game, pass the plan around to several students who each complete a section. Finish several plans this way and share them with the class.
 - Let students cut apart story plans to mix up, trade, and create new stories.





My Story Plan

Author: _____

Beginning

The characters in my story will be _____ and _____.
(who)

My story will happen _____

(where and when)

Middle

_____ wants to _____.
(who) (do or have what)

But the trouble will start when _____

(explain the problem)

Some things that will happen in my story are _____

and _____
(story events)

The problem will be solved when _____

(explain the solution)

End

The end will be _____

