**Story Planner**

**1. Theme**

*Most good stories have a theme. The theme is the big idea or message you want to get across. It’s good to start your brainstorming with a theme that will underpin your whole story.*

**What will be the theme of your story:**

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*(Examples: Good vs. Evil, Love, Freedom, The value of Religion, The problems with War)*

**2. Characters**

*Most stories have a protagonist, their confidantes (friends) and an antagonist. Write the name and description of three of your characters.*

**a) Protagonist (Main character)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*(Examples: shaggy hair, beard, short, fashionable)*

Personality: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*(Examples: always grumpy, cheery, very motivated, suspicious of others)*

**b) Confidante (Main character’s friend)**

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**c) Antagonist (The opponent of the main character)**

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**3. Setting**

*The setting includes the place and the time. What place and time will the story be set in?*

**Place:**

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*(Examples: beaches, mountains, suburbs, school, home, bushland, fantasy world)*

**Time:**

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*(Examples: distant future, present day, 1970s, 1920s, middle ages England)*

**4. Conflict**

*All good stories have a key conflict or challenge that should be overcome. What is the conflict in your story? Conflicts usually are: protagonist (hero) vs antagonist (villain), protagonist vs. self, protagonist vs. society or protagonist vs. nature.*

**Come up with a conflict for your story:**

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**5. Plot**

*A plot is the story’s narrative. Write what you will discuss at each stage of the plot:*

**a) Beginning of the Story:**

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*(The beginning should set the scene and introduce the characters. You may also introduce the challenge of the story.)*

**b) Middle of the Story:**

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*(The middle should involve a challenge to be overcome and a climax where the challenge is met.)*

**c) End of the Story:**

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*(What will happen to each character once the key challenge has been overcome?)*

**6. Point of View**

*Will you write your story from a first person (I, we us), second person (you – talking to the reader) or third person (he, she, it) point of view?*

**Circle your choice:**

* First person
* Second person
* Third person

*The point of view should be consistent throughout your story.*

**7. Tone**

*The tone of the story does a lot of work in setting the scene. What tone do you think your story should be?*

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*(Examples: sad, upbeat, humorous, exciting, spooky, mysterious)*