



Story Revision Checklist

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Read your story out loud.
Then ask yourself each of these questions.
If the answer is yes, check it off on the checklist!



Does my story have a beginning, middle, and end? ☐ **My story is organized!**

Does my story answer my reader's questions about what happened? ☐ **My story is developed!**

Does my story include enough information? ☐ **My story is detailed!**

Does my story use clear and specific words? ☐ **My story has good vocabulary!**

Do my sentences make sense when I read them out loud? ☐ **My story has good sentence structure!**



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Get Ready to Write

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**If you could
write a story about
anything, what would
you write
about?**



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Brainstorming

Where the best stories begin.

Brainstorming is a way to come up with new and different ideas. Use this activity booklet to write or draw whatever comes to your mind. You'll end up with a **GREAT STORY!**

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Story Structure All stories have a beginning, middle and an end.

Write down or draw how you want the story to start, what happens during the story, and how will it end.

Beginning

Middle

End



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Main Character The person, animal or thing your story is about.

Create a list of different characters you want in your story and describe them.
(Spike the dog is fluffy, Aunt Sally always wears funny clothes.)

Character

Description

Setting Where your story takes place.

Create a list of different places (the zoo, the moon) and choose whether it's the past, present or future
(last year, next Tuesday). Think about how the setting might affect your character (the snow made it cold).

Setting



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Problem & Resolution

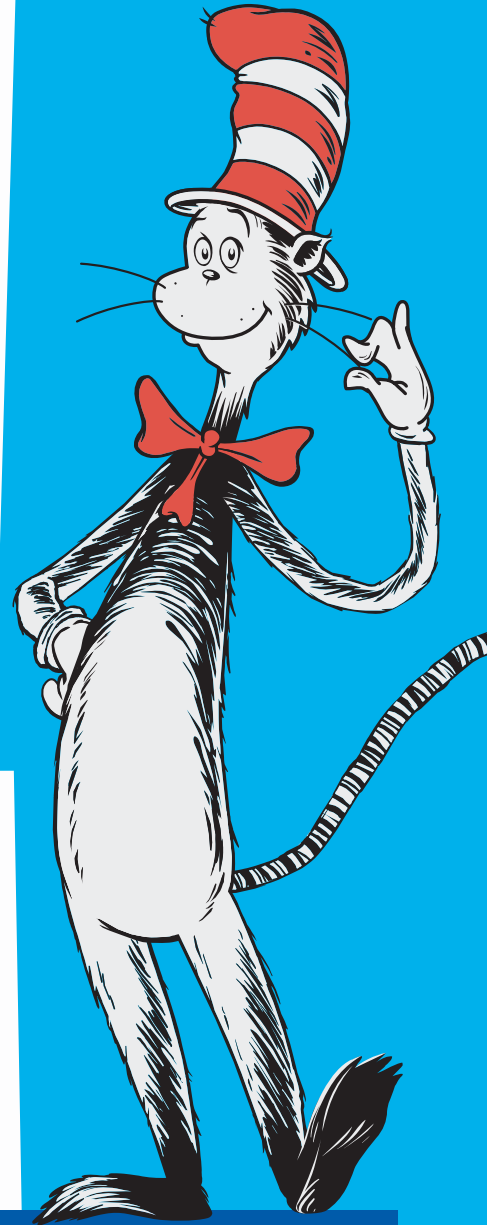
The challenge your character(s) face and how they overcome it.

Create a list of problems (passing a math quiz, fighting an evil villain). Then in a separate list create ways to solve the problem. Choose your favorite scenarios and circle them.

Problem



Resolution



All that brainstorming has paid off! You now have a basic plan. Turn the page over and use the space to start your story.

Have fun!