

Short Story Prewriting

Directions: Write your answers to each of the following questions, using as much detail as possible. You'll use the information here as you write your short story, so nearly everything you write can be used again!

1. Characters
 - a. Who is the main character?
 - b. What does he/she look like?
 - c. How old is he/she?
 - d. What makes him/her angry? Happy?
 - e. What's his/her family like?
 - f. How does he/she get along with peers? Adults?
 - g. What events in his/her life led him/her to the main event in the story?
 - h. Who are some of the other characters? How do they relate to the main character?

2. Setting
 - a. Where does the story take place?
 - b. What does this place look like?
 - c. What does this place mean to the main character?
 - d. Why does the action in the story take place here?

3. Conflict
 - a. What does the main character want?
 - b. How does he/she try to get what he/she wants? (be specific—sequence of events)
 - c. How do his/her actions affect the other characters?
 - d. How do his/her actions affect the setting?
 - e. How does he/she change because of his/her actions?