

# HOW TO WRITE A SHORT STORY

## Pre-Writing Activity

### Short Story Brainstorm



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	Story 1	Story 2	Story 3
Name the Problem	Lucy can't make friends	Lynn wants to avenge the death of her father	Samson is missing
Create the Character Who Has the Problem	Lucy - a 12-year old girl from Seattle	Lynn - a 16-year old from Erconea in the year 1476. Daughter of a former ruler.	Bryce, a 10-year old boy.
Describe Why the Problem Matters to the Character	She's really lonely	Evil forces have taken over and Lynn can't stand that her father's legacy is being destroyed.	Samson was Bryce's responsibility. He's a 5-month old puppy. Bryce feels guilty.
What is the Obstacle That Holds Them Back From Solving the Problem?	Everyone thinks she's a bully because of something that happened in 5th grade	Lynn has no power and the current leaders are too strong	He has no idea where Samson could be.
List the Attempts Made to Solve the Problem	① She draws a picture of a dog and gives it to a girl, Sara, but Sara's dog had just died. ② She volunteers to clean the dance room, but that makes a key dancer twist her ankle. ③ She writes an apology note to the leader of the group, but accidentally puts it in the wrong locker.	① She befriends Yukinari. They begin training together and gather more fighters. ② In an attempt to gain more weapons, Lynn's prized possession is stolen. ③ Lynn saves a boy from drowning. The boy's father agrees to join her side. They prepare to approach the royal castle.	① Bryce looks all over the house. He's afraid to tell his mom that Samson is missing. ② Bryce gets his sister Katie to help him look in the neighborhood. They can't find Samson. ③ Bryce makes flyers and puts them around town.
Create a Critical Turning Point	A new girl arrives at school. Lucy offers to show her around, but so does Taylor, Lucy's biggest rival.	The leader, Ennick, and Lynn, meet to battle. Ennick's sword strikes Lynn.	After not hearing any news, Bryce finally calls his mom at work and admit that Samson is lost.
Show What Happens Next	The new girl chooses Taylor, but then asks if Lucy could show her around outside of school. Lucy agrees.	Yukinari reveals the necklace that he had secretly stolen from Lynn. It contains a medicine that revives her. Ennick is taken down by the rebel army.	Bryce's Bryce a day a fri

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