

A RECIPE FOR A STORY

Fill in the following chart. List your favorite genre of stories and fill in the types of characters, settings and plots that fit each category. Use this chart to help you write a variety of stories.

TYPES OF STORIES	TYPES OF CHARACTERS (People, Animals, etc.)	TYPES OF SETTINGS (Time & Place)	TYPES OF PLOTS (Problem & Solution)
TALL TALES			impossible feats and superhuman solutions
MYTHS	Gods, Goddesses, and Mortals		
GHOST STORIES		Haunted houses and cemeteries at midnight	

MAKE A LARGER CHART TO INCLUDE OTHER TYPES OF STORIES, CHARACTERS, SETTINGS AND PLOTS.

- I. Choose which type of story you would like to write.
- II. Write at least two sentences about each character including a description, dynamic action & dialogue.
- III. Write at least three sentences about the setting including a specific place, time of day, season, and time in history. Also use all your senses; include smells, sounds, and feelings as well as sights.
- IV. Outline your plot: (What happens first, second, third, fourth, fifth, etc.?)

1. A Captivating Beginning	Introduction
2. Problem	Build Suspense
3. An Exciting Middle	Climax
4. Solution	Introduce Irony, a surprising twist
5. A Satisfying End	Resolution
- V. Use these notes to write a story. Admittedly, this method creates a formula tale. To make an original story use your creativity to make an unusual character, a unique setting and a surprising plot.
- VI. After you finish your rough draft, rewrite your story. As you rewrite look for ways to add drama, suspense, dialogue, action and other elements to make your story more exciting or funnier.
- VII. Edit and then type your story.