

# Short Stories with Character

## Writing Art-Inspired Stories



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**RESPOND** to how story character inspirations can be found everywhere—in paintings, photos, and while observing people in public places. Imagine a few characters who will interact in a short story. Give each a distinct personality. Have them identify a problem or situation and then solve it in a clever way.



**CREATE** a short story outline that introduces your characters, establishes a problem or challenge, and reveals how they use their unique character traits to respond to the problem/challenge.

WRITE AN OUTLINE AND SKETCH ILLUSTRATION IDEAS:

Introduce the characters.

What problem or challenge did they face?

Reveal their unique character qualities in how they respond.



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**PRESENT** your short story outline. Discuss how illustrations can capture the characters' personalities and how carefully selected words can vividly describe problems and explain character responses.



**CONNECT** the use of descriptive language to listeners'/readers' understanding of stories. Why are interesting characters so

important to every story? What feedback might you provide to classmates to help them make their stories even more engaging or intriguing?



What story would you love to read? Write it in 500 Words or less.  
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