

Workshop 3 - Assignment - Turn your idea into a story

What do we need to do to turn an idea into a story:

Character

Conflict

Structure (beginning, middle, end.)

Character:

Bring your characters to life!

Your main character is who we will follow through the story. We are seeing the story through their eyes. So we need to know who they are, understand them, at least a little.

Make them human, in some way. It helps to write down a few things about each of your characters, sort of get to know them. If you know what your characters want, it will make them interesting.

Conflict:

Your main character will want something, or need something. That can be tiny. That can be anything. If they don't want or need anything, then they will just spend the story sitting on the couch reading a comic. Which ... not a good story, probably.

BUT something will be in their way. That will keep the story interesting! Makes the reader interested, and keeps them wondering how it's going to turn out, how the problem will be solved. Will the problem be solved?

Structure:

Beginning: introduction. Introduce your reader to your main characters, and anything, or anyone else they need to know to get your story.

Middle: what is happening, what is the conflict, how does it play out? What is your story about? What is going to happen to the main character that is so interesting that I will want to read your story?

The middle part of your story, will, generally, take up the most part of your story. It's almost all the interesting stuff that happens.

After we meet the main character, this is where something will happen to them, or they will go somewhere.

Ending: How does the conflict get resolved? Does it get resolved? Happy ending, sad ending. After the ending, I will learn nothing more about your characters. So make sure I get the full story. This wraps things up.