

Grade 7 English Language Arts

Week of October 12 – October 16

Lesson 1: Writer's Workshop – Short Stories Introduction and Story Types

Writing Goal: Short Story

Stories take us to different worlds where we meet new people and experience new ideas and situations. For example, we can go on an historical journey, take part in an action-packed adventure, or help solve a mystery. In this module you will explore various types of fiction (make-believe) stories and choose the type you like best. You will then plan and write a story of your own, incorporating the necessary elements of setting, characters, plot, and theme. The story you write may be as imaginative or as realistic as you like. You may use your wildest fantasies or your own memories of something that happened to you or someone you know. Be colorful, creative, adventurous, and above all, have fun with your writing.

In this unit, you will write a story with the theme of bravery!

Workshop Overview:

1. Learn how to write a short story.
2. Look at an examples of story types, setting, characters, plot & theme.
3. Plan your short story with the theme of bravery.
4. Write a first draft and get some feedback to revise your writing.
5. Revise your writing.
6. Submit your final draft.



Writing Targets:

By the end of this workshop you will have incorporated the following into your piece:

- A clear setting
- Well developed characters
- Focus/Development of ideas
- A strong plot with a beginning, rising action, climax, falling action and conclusion.
- A short story with a clear theme focused on bravery
- Use of figurative language devices

Writing is like creating a beautiful piece of art. You begin with an idea, start to work on it, then make changes along the way to improve it. Eventually you produce a masterpiece that you can be truly proud of.

Stories can be grouped into different types, or genres (pronounced jon-ruz), based on where and when the story takes place, what happens, and who the characters are. Some of the most popular story types are:

Adventure	Horror
Fantasy	Mystery
Folk Tales	Realistic Fiction
Historical Fiction	Science Fiction



Watch the video on different genres of literature to learn more. Take notes in your Writer's Notebook as you listen. Try to decide what type of story you will write.

<https://youtu.be/ldxLOaMSoC8>

Many stories are actually a combination of two or more genres. For example, a story that takes place in a South American jungle is both an adventure story and realistic fiction. Another story about aliens attacking a space colony is both science fiction and a horror story.

Of course there are many more types of fiction. And many stories include elements of several genres.

Complete the Story Types activity on the next page

Name: _____

Date: _____

1.1 Story Types

In the middle column, identify a short story, book, or movie you have seen or read that matches each story type listed. Explain the reasons for each choice in the third column.

Here's an example:

Story type: Adventure

Title: Hatchet

Characteristics: the main character gets stranded in the wilderness when his plane crashes; he has to overcome many obstacles to survive; in just about every chapter he faces a new challenge

Story Type	Title	Characteristics
Adventure		
Fantasy		
Folk Tale		
Historical Fiction		
Horror		
Mystery		
Realistic Fiction		
Science Fiction		

What story type will your narrative be? _____

Return to the online lesson book.