

Creative Writing

Directions: Read the following story. Then complete the story by adding a middle and end that builds on the beginning. Be as creative as you like!

Once upon a time, in a magical, faraway kingdom, there were two young pages, Mistress Bobbi and Master Patrick. Bobbi and Patrick were brother and sister, and they loved to climb trees, read, and have giant snowball fights when their mother wasn't looking. They lived in the king's castle, a wondrous place amid rolling hills, where knights guarded the drawbridge, and mermaids swam about the brook surrounding the castle. The king was very well protected, but he lived in mortal fear of mysterious green creatures that roamed the kingdom. One day, the king called all of his loyal subjects to the castle...

Creative Writing Tips

Main character: Every story must have a main character (protagonist) at the center of the action, who undergoes a change during the story.

Plot: Every story should have a clear story line that tells the reader why events are happening. Even though you are finishing the story differently than your classmates, decide what is going to happen, and then stick to it. (If your story begins as a romance between two characters, but then becomes an action-adventure story in which the two characters are enemies, you might confuse your reader.)

Dialogue: Every good story must have characters who speak or communicate in some way to one another. This helps the reader understand what characters are thinking and

what action is taking place. Use different descriptive phrases to keep the story interesting. For example, "There's a team of ninjas following us!" he exclaimed. Or "I think the bird flew away," she said with a worried look on her face.

Movements/gestures: Characters should also move around or change scenes to show the reader that changes are taking place in the story. Characters might go from inside to outside or around a room while using their faces, bodies, and voices to move the story's plot along.

Organization: Make sure the story has a clear beginning, middle, and end. Even if you decide to tease the reader with a cliff-hanger at the end, writing your story in a particular order makes it easy for the reader to understand what's happening.