

CREATING FANTASY STORIES

MAPS

Maps are an important part of fantasy stories. They tell readers about the setting, what kind of place it is, and can show the route of a character's journey if they are on a quest, like searching for treasure.

They can also be useful for coming up with ideas for your story. Start with a basic map with ordinary features like rivers and mountains. Then add something fantastical! Haunted castles, living volcanoes, ice palaces, mermaid pools, and unicorn forests.

Think about what could happen in these places - it might help you come up with some ideas for stories, or events that affect your characters on their travels.

Here's a map of an imaginary land. Draw in some features using the words in the box for inspiration. What is your land called?



Mountains
Forest
Hills
Lakes
Streams
Roads
Cities
Towns
Tunnels
Castle
Stone Circle
Cave
Swamp
Volcano
Zombie
Unicorn
Dragon
Witch
Wizard
Warrior
Vampires
Ghosts
Trolls
Goblins
Elves
Dwarfs
Monster

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CHARACTERS Fantasy stories usually have a hero or heroine, and a villain out to thwart their plans. Use the words in the box as inspiration to create your own hero and villain. Try combining two or more words, for example King + Goblin + Wizard to make a powerful magical ruler of a goblin kingdom.

Try drawing them below or write a few sentences describing them. Think about what they might wear, where they live, and what their personality is like. Remember to give your characters names!

Vampire	Witch	Zombie
Ghost	Wizard	Thief
Troll	Warrior	Hunter
Goblin	King	Pirate
Elf	Queen	Knight
Dwarf	Prince	Druid
Monster	Princess	Explorer

HERO

VILLAIN

Name: _____

Name: _____

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PLANNING STORIES

All stories must have a beginning, a middle, and an end. You might know exactly what you want to write but sometimes it helps to plan your story before you start. One way to do this is to make a comic out of key moments in the story. Then, when you come to write your story, you know what's going to happen, and you can fill out all the action-packed details!

An easy way to make a comic is to take a piece of paper and fold it into four. Then you have four ready-made panels to draw in. Or use the grid below. You can draw the action, or describe in words instead.

1. The Beginning. Introduce your hero! Where are they? What are they doing?

2. The Middle (part 1). Introduce your villain. What evil scheme are they plotting?

3. The Middle (part 2). The hero and villain meet! What happens?

4. The End. Who wins? Is the ending happy or sad?