

Take the main character from a story you've been writing, or start over with something completely new. Answer the questions below.

Character description:

What does your character look like? How old is he or she?

Does your character have a favorite color, food, book, TV show, movie, or band? Does he or she have any special skills or hobbies? What does he or she do in his or her spare time?

If your character's house was on fire and he or she could only grab a few things, what would he or she take?

Who are your character's friends and family? How do they get along? Does your character have any rivals or enemies?

What makes this character different from your other characters? What makes him or her stand out from the crowd? Does he or she want to stand out?

Plot:

What does your character want most? What are his or her goals?

What will happen if your character doesn't reach his or her goals? What does he or she have to lose? What would your character do?

Conflict:

Who or what is standing in the way of your character reaching his or her goals? Is someone or something actively trying to stop or sabotage your character?

How does your character react to conflict or challenges? Does his or her attitude improve the situation or make it worse?

Next, write a scene that shows conflict getting in the way of your character reaching his or her goals and how he or she deals with it.