



Quick Project Ideas Storytelling Projects K-6

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Are you teaching students the basic elements of stories? One of the best ways to understand plot, setting, and character is to write a story from scratch. In this lesson, you'll find basic tools for generating stories. Use these tips to help students pre-write, develop, and share their stories!

Storming Stories

Prewriting is the time to let the imagination wander! Generating and sharing ideas in a group brainstorm can help writers find a starting point. Then use an organizer to flesh out details and develop them into a complete story.

Storming Stories

Activity: Spin a Web

Give students the "Story Web" graphic on page 2. Have them begin by writing a main character, setting, theme, or starting point in the middle section. They will fill in ideas and details that connect to the center topic in the surrounding sections. Encourage students to keep adding ideas. When they finish, they can circle ideas they want to keep.

Activity: Sketch a Storyboard

The "Storyboard" StorySpark on **TikaTok.com** is another great tool to help students organize their ideas. Creating a storyboard helps build sequencing skills and a deeper understanding of cause and effect. Ask students if they know how animated films are made. Then explain that storyboards are a series of images that show how a short film, TV show, or video will unfold. Encourage students to create their own storyboards to tell their stories through captioned images.

Story Prompts and Projects

- Genre Study**
 Have students say what type (or genre) of stories they like and why. Mention fantasy, sci-fi, and action-adventure. The class can choose one genre to study, or groups can study different ones. Find a StorySpark in each genre by visiting TikaTok.com/sparks.
- It Was an Adventure**
 Use the "It Was an Adventure" StorySpark at TikaTok.com to guide students to write fantasy characters and a dramatic plot.
- Sudden Stories**
 Encourage students to write mini-stories for each letter of the ABCs. Assign one letter per student, or use the "Every Letter Has a Story" StorySpark at TikaTok.com.
- Stranger Than Fiction**
 As students write about life, they naturally focus on sensory details, real dilemmas, and real growth. Use the "Personal Narrative" projects on TikaTok.com or publish a class blog.

TikaTok Tip

Visit TikaTok.com and choose from an exciting gallery of StorySpark project templates and publishing tools for your next class project!



Story Web

Instructions: Write the main story idea in the center box. Add related ideas to the other boxes until each box is full. Circle the ideas you plan to use in your story.

The story web template consists of a central box and eight surrounding boxes. The central box is a diamond shape with a scalloped border. The surrounding boxes are arranged in a circular pattern around the center. Each surrounding box is a diamond shape with a dotted line border, indicating where to write related ideas. The entire web is enclosed in a larger, decorative scalloped border.

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