Story Map Template for Short Story Writing

Plan your character, conflict, and ending, then develop one scene.

BUILD YOUR STORY MAP

Main character: Who is this story about?

Setting: Where and when does it happen?

Goal: What does the character want?

Obstacle: What stands in the way?

Turning point: What choice changes things?

Ending: What changes for the character?

Develop One Scene

What does your character want in this scene?

What gets in the way, and how do they respond?

What detail helps readers picture the setting?

What choice ends the scene and moves the story forward?