

Questionnaire

Use this questionnaire to help develop one of your ideas in to a story with a clear plot and conflict. You will need to write your responses on a separate piece of paper.

1. Why is this day different from all the others? (Think of how your story might begin.)
2. What is the event that will bring your characters together? Write biographies for each of your characters that include what they want.
3. How will your characters change during the play?
4. What will the major conflict be and how will it lead to the climax when the problem is resolved? (Note: "Resolved" does not mean happily ever after! A **resolution** means something has changed, and the play will end with that change – for better or worse.)
5. Jot down the basic plot and sum up the plot briefly. Think about how the problem might be solved.
6. Answer the five "W"'s: WHO'S in my play? WHY are they doing what they're doing? WHAT'S happening in the play? WHERE or WHEN is it taking place?
7. Try outlining what happens in your scenes.
8. Start writing the scene that excited you the most, even if its not the official first scene from your outline. Whatever great ideas come to you as you write this or any other scene, be sure to WRITE THEM DOWN!
9. If you get stuck, keep asking WHY. (Ex: *Why does she go wherever? Why does he stay with so and so?; etc.*)