

Royal Mint Museum

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Sustainable futures



How to write a story

At the Royal Mint we are trying to be more sustainable to help build a better future. What do you think a better future for the climate will look like?

Before you begin writing your story do some research to make sure your story answers the brief. We have provided some information and links on our website about the topic to get you started

<https://www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk/learning/>

What do you need to think about before you begin writing?

Purpose

We have given you the topic of 'sustainable futures' to base your story around, but what do you want your story to be about? How do you want the reader to feel? Maybe you want them to feel happy and hopeful for the future, or excited by your story, or perhaps you want them to feel sad. You could write a funny story to make the reader laugh. Once you have decided what the purpose of your story will be, think how you can achieve this and what words you can use in your writing to set the mood.

Setting

Where do you want to set your story? Where is the action going to happen? Is your story going to take place somewhere you know or somewhere you've never been? You could imagine a whole new made-up world.

You can set your story anywhere you like but it must make sense for your plot and purpose.

Character

Who is the star of your story? Is it you or someone you have made up, or is it a real person? It could be a historical figure. Maybe there are lots of people in your story. It doesn't have to be a person; it could be an animal like the ones on the Royal Mint coins, or an alien from another planet. Or it could even be a story about an object like a coin!

Structure

When you write a story you want there to be a beginning, middle and an end.

THE MIDDLE
this is where the action happens.

THE BEGINNING
this is where you set the scene and introduce your characters.

THE END
this is where you want to conclude your story.



Worksheet

Use the work sheet below to help you plan some ideas for your story.

Setting

Use this box to write down some ideas for where you would like to set your story.

Is it all set on earth or somewhere else like another planet or out in space?

Is your story set in the past, present or future?

Plot

Use this box to write down any ideas you have for what will happen in your story.

Have humans found a sustainable way to live?

Has the world managed to solve the climate crisis?

Character

Use this box to write some ideas for the characters in your story

What's their name?

What do they look like?

Are they a human or an animal.....or even a made-up creature from the future?

How to enter

For more information on the short story competition, visit our website

<https://www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk/learning/>

Or email us at

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