

ROYAL MINT MUSEUM

Short story COMPETITION

HOW TO WRITE A STORY

This year we want your story to be inspired by the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the way the UK has changed since she came to the throne 70 years ago.

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

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

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

PURPOSE

What do you want your story to be about? How do you want the reader to feel? Maybe you want them to feel happy or excited by your story, or perhaps you want them to feel sad. You could write a spooky story that scares your reader.

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

This is where your story takes place. Is your story set somewhere ordinary like a house, or extraordinary like on another planet? Maybe it is an ordinary place but something unusual and special is happening in that place, like a jubilee street party, or a carnival in a town centre. Or is your story set at Buckingham palace?

You can set your story anywhere you like but it has to 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 could it be the Queen?

Maybe there are lots of people in your story

It doesn't have to be a person; it could be an animal like one of the Queen's corgis. Or it could even be a story about an object like a coin!

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 an alien from outer space?

Where do they live?



STRUCTURE

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

THE BEGINNING

This is where you set the scene and introduce your characters.

THE MIDDLE

This is where the action happens.

THE END

This is where you want to conclude your story.

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





Where do
you want
to set your
story?

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



What will
happen
in your
story?

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



HOW TO ENTER

For more information on the short story competition, visit our website <https://www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk/learning/>
Or email us at storycompetition@royalmintmuseum.org.uk