

Narrative Story Brainstorm

By now, you've been practicing kilo and recording your observations in your Nature Journal! You've probably started to see some patterns in nature that you may not have noticed before.

Your final task is to write a narrative story for a young audience that will bring your nature journal observations to life! Children's stories often teach a greater lesson or idea through a fictional plotline and engaging characters. Use the following narrative brainstorm to help you get started on your story.

Journal to Story:

Look back through your Nature Journal entries. Answer the following questions using your journal:

How many times did you mention temperature, wind, and other weather-related elements?

How often did you notice living things (animals, plants, etc.)? Why was this significant?

Find a time in your journal when you wrote about a plant. What did you notice about it?

Find a time in your journal when you wrote about an animal. What did you notice about it?

Were there any patterns that you noticed overtime?

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Conflict:

In the film clip from *A Climate for Change*, you saw the scientists **observe the problem** that Laysan Albatross were laying infertile eggs. The more infertile eggs laid, the less likely the population of Laysan Albatross would continue to stay stable. The scientists **developed a solution** to replace infertile eggs with fertile eggs without harming the birds. The filmmakers **told this story** to viewers, helping them understand and learn from the conflict/solution.

This is just like in fictional stories, where the characters are often faced with a conflict, and then work to overcome this conflict by the end of the story.

Consider the questions you asked in your Nature Journal. Is there a problem/conflict that certain species are facing that you want to teach about in your story?

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Conflict Brainstorm - Solution Brainstorm

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Story:

Character Brainstorm <i>Is your character human?</i> <i>Is your character one of the species from your nature journal?</i>	What descriptive words did you use in your journal?
Setting Brainstorm <i>Where?</i> <i>When?</i>	What descriptive words did you use in your journal?

Plot Brainstorm:

1. Beginning

2. Middle

3. End

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