**Planning My Story**

**Characters:** Who are they?

**Setting:** Where does the story take place? When does it take place?

**Plot:** What happens?

**Introduction:** Introduce the characters, their special powers, and how they work with the other characters by ***showing*** them to the reader.

Use dialogue.

Use actions.

Use descriptions of how they dress, look, etc.

**Problem:**

Description of the Problem:

Something **really bad** happens.

Show why the problem is important.

Ask yourself, “Why should the reader care?”

Someone or Something does something bad.

The **villain** is **bad and strong.**

**Tip:** \*\*\*Make them **as strong as the hero** so they are a *real challenge* to the hero or heroine.

Ask yourself: How will the hero/heroes solve the problem?

Usually, two attempts are made to solve it.

The problem is solved on the third try.

**Rising Action:** Things happen.

* The action gets more and more exciting.
* Finally, the villain/villains and the hero/heroes meet to see who will win.

**Climax:** This is the **most exciting part.**

The “bad guys” and the “good guys” fight it out.

**Falling Action:** What happens after the hero wins?

This part is **not** as exciting as the rising action and climax of the story.

**Resolution:** How does the story end?

What happens to the characters?

This part answers questions that most readers would ask.

It satisfies the readers’ curiosity and satisfies them.