

Workshop creation

FOR STUDENTS

Introduction to the activity: writing

Learning objectives:

- Develop a character(s)
- Build a setting where your story is happening
- Define what is the problem in the story and how is the problem solved
- Create a story and tell what is happening and what you want message you want to send through the story

Duration of the activity: 4 hours

Short description of the activity:

In this workshop, you will work together with your peers as well as alone. The idea is that you will be able to create your own story and define which are the most important parts of the stories. First of all, we want to know who your main character and sidekick is. Are there any other characters? The second step will be to define where they are and what environment they will act in. Lastly, what are the challenges they face and how can the characters reach their goal? Remember that you can decide to share the material with others, but you can also develop your story individually if you prefer.



Instruction and description of the activity, step by step:

Step 1: We will start with the creation of the characters. Draw a character (it can be human, or it does not have to be) on the paper with the lines. Remember: the only rule is that the head, body and feet must be divided by the lines. After that, we will discuss a bit about our characters and you will choose between a lot of possible characters!

Step 2: Now it's time to move your character into a world. Take a white sheet and start drawing a map. Remember: it can be different rooms of a house; it can be somewhere outside like a wood or a city. The second step is that you will have to define some spots where the character will act (i.e. the desk in the classroom, the lake in the woods, the bakery shop in the city)

Step 3: Now it's time to play! Your teacher will give you some problems, situations or challenges. Your goal is to write a sentence that will help the character to solve the problem. Be creative! If there are multiple responses that are similar within the group, those who responded similarly will form a subgroup. Within the various subgroups, the responses to future questions should be decided collectively by all of you. After that, we will discuss the results and how these challenges and solutions can be involved in your stories on the map that you have drawn.

Step 4: Last but not least, the one action game. Form groups of 4-5 people. One person in each group decides a "challenge - resolution" from the previous game, while all the others must write a verb (corresponding to an action) that can solve the problem or challenge. The one who picked the challenge has to form a coherent connection between the verbs.



