

Writing Activity:

Writing Your Story Climax



A **plot** is the series of events that happen in a story. Another way to think about it is by answering, “What’s the story about?” in a few sentences.

One of the most important parts of a plot is the climax. A story’s climax is often the most exciting, suspenseful, or surprising part of a story. It’s the dun dun dun moment of a TV show before it cuts to commercial, leaving the audience wanting to know what happens next and how the story ends.

For a climax to be most effective, it should tie back to what your character’s motivations are, or what they want at the beginning of your story. It should be a character-defining moment where your character makes a big attempt at their goal, or has a battle or confrontation with another character, or takes on the most dangerous part of their adventure.

But there should be high stakes and consequences to this moment that relate back to what your character ultimately wants to make it the most dramatic and action-packed point, or climax, of your story.

Writing Prompt

Using your villain's origin story and detailed setting, write the scene of your story's climax.

Choose one of your two plot options from the end of your Choose Your Own Adventure brainstorm activity and continue writing it towards the climax, or the most exciting part of your story.

If you need help thinking of ideas for the climax, think back to your CHARACTER BRAINSTORM and what your villain wanted more than anything.

What situation could your character be in while trying to achieve their goal? How can they risk it all for that big moment trying to get what they want? Maybe it works out and maybe it doesn't, but it should be exciting so the reader sticks around to find out *what happens next!*