Brainstorm Your Story

Use your imagination to brainstorm the important parts of your story. You can brainstorm in whatever order you like. (For example, you may want to start with the characters or setting first).

Choose one type of problem question, then write a story idea underneath.

- □ Was the problem caused by the character or something that happened to the character?
- □ Does the character want something they don’t have? Examples: A friend, a bike, or something else
- □ Has something in the setting changed? Examples: Moving to a new home, a blue monster appeared on the school bus, or something else

Characters
- Who is your main character?
  - Personality traits:
  - Looks like:
  - Sounds like:

Setting
- What is the setting?
  - Looks like:
  - Sounds like:
  - Smells like:

Examples: Superhero, scientist, kangaroo, or something else from your imagination

Examples: Playground, volcano, Mars, the 1800s before electricity

Plot
- **Beginning**: How do the characters find out about the problem?
- **Middle**: How do the characters try to solve the problem?
- **End**: How do the characters finally solve the problem? How do they feel about it?