

High Fantasy Activities

Directions: Join with a family member or friend and create an outline for a story of High Fantasy. To accomplish this:

1. Decide on a setting for your story.
 - a. Where could your story take place?
 - b. What will the location look like?
 - c. How will your characters get to the location?

*Try to be as descriptive as possible!

2. Decide on the characters for your story.
 - a. Who will be the hero (protagonist)?
 - b. Who will be the villain (antagonist)?
 - c. Who will be the helpful friends, or companions, of the main character?

*What kinds of characters make sense for the setting you have developed? Try to be as descriptive as possible!

3. Decide on the problem of the story.
 - a. What is the villain trying to do that is so bad?
 - b. What are some challenges or obstacles that the hero and his/her companions face as they try to solve the problem?
 - c. How does the main character solve the problem in the end?

4. Decide on the lessons the hero will learn during this journey of good versus evil.

5. Finally, as a challenge, try to write this story.

High Fantasy is a genre of writing depicting fantastic, imaginary worlds filled with people, places, events, and magic.

High Fantasy Settings

- Stories are set in imaginary worlds or realms of adventure.
- Our world is the primary world, while the imaginary world is the secondary world.

Three Main Approaches to Setting

1. Set exclusively in the secondary world.
2. Set in both worlds with the ability to show the contrasts between the two.
3. Secondary world is part of the primary world and characters enter a “portal” to go back and forth between the worlds.

High Fantasy Characters

- Main character is the hero or protagonist. Usually, this character is young and innocent at the start of the story.
- During the story the main character achieves a sense of self-discovery, and gains maturity, wisdom, and confidence.
- Typically, a team of trusted friends, or companions, joins the hero during the journey, and helps out along the way.

Realistic Plots

- The hero is in pursuit of a major goal that needs to be accomplished by the end of the story.
- However, the protagonist is faced with a series of challenges, obstacles, and a main villain or antagonist.
- During this battle of good vs. evil, the hero must make choices that point to moral issues between right and wrong.
- In the end, the hero triumphs over the villain with the help of magic, sorcery, or the supernatural. This helps the main character realize what he/she is good at and what makes him/her special.