

## Modern Fantasy Practice Activities

Directions: Join with a family member or friend and create an outline for a story of Modern 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 main character get to the location?

\*Try to be as descriptive as possible!
2. Decide on the characters for your story.
  - a. Who is the main character? Will this person have any eccentric behaviors?

What are they?

- b. If your main character doesn't have any eccentric behaviors, will the minor character(s) he or she meets in the new world have any eccentricities? What will they be?

\*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 problem the main character encounters?
  - b. What are some challenges or obstacles that the main character must overcome in order to solve the problem?
  - c. How does the main character solve the problem in the end?
4. Finally, as a challenge, try to write this story.

**Modern Fantasy** is a genre of writing in which charming and likeable, yet eccentric, characters are placed into modern, but strange settings.

### Modern Fantasy Characters

- Can have normal characters or eccentric characters.
- An eccentric character is a person who has an unusual, peculiar, or odd personality. Because of this, the person deviates from regular or customary behavior.
- Many times the eccentric aspect of the character is their size—he/she is incredible tiny, or miniature.

### Modern Fantasy Settings

- Can be set in normal or familiar locations and then move to an extraordinary world.
- This world can be hidden within our own world or be a place completely of its own.

### Modern Fantasy Plots

- The main character may start off in a familiar, realistic setting, but then, because of his/her eccentricities very ridiculous events happen.
- Another possibility is that the main character starts off in a modern, familiar setting but then is transported to the extraordinary world or location.
- Here the main character must work to overcome or adapt to the strange and wonderful world and its own eccentric people.
- The challenge, and fun, is for the author to use his/her imagination to dream up these unique people, places, and events while making the story believable for the reader.
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