

What makes a GOOD STORY???

Read a few stories and decide whether you like them. What makes these stories so good and interesting to read? What makes other stories boring or difficult to read?

Look at the following 'ingredients' of your stories and decide how they influence you as a reader:

Introduction/Beginning: How does the story start? How does the author get your attention?

Characters: How many characters are there? What do you know about the main characters? Do you sympathize with them? Do you agree/disagree with them? How does the author make you interested in his characters?

Setting: Where does the story play? How well is the place described? Can you really imagine what it is like? How does the author do this?

Storyline: How is the story organized? Is it clear or does the author jump from one idea to the next? How does the author lead you from one idea to the next? Which words or phrases does he use for that purpose? What makes the story interesting (characters? suspense? feelings? language? information?)?

Ending: Does the ending come as a surprise or were you expecting this ending? How does the author create the surprise?

Language: Does your story use any words or phrases that you think are very important or interesting. What do you notice about the style of the story? Are the sentences long or short? Choose a few good expressions or words that you want to include in one of your own stories.

STORY Recipe:

Now work with a partner and make up a RECIPE for a perfect story.

What ingredients do you need?

Write 10 tips for story writers.