

STORY IDEAS: THEIR STORY (PART 2)



You'll have lots of facts from your 'interview'. These facts might not feel like a story yet. One of the most important things in a story are feelings. They help a reader feel attached.

WRITING UP YOUR INTERVIEW

Think of your partner's interview answers. Were they excited, nervous, sad, happy?

WHAT IS AN ARC?

People enjoy stories with something called an 'arc'.

Think of a road going up and down hills. At the top of each hill, you feel happy. At the bottom of each hill, you feel sad.

An 'arc' is the shape of these ups and downs. It is the shape of the feelings of a story. Today we'll look at look 'arc' shapes.



MAN IN A HOLE



The first arc we'll look at goes high → low → high. This is the 'Man in a Hole' arc.

It looks like this:

The main character is happy. Something happens. It's hard for them. In the end, they're happy again. Here are some stories with a 'Man in a Hole' arc:

- Little Red Riding Hood (Classic Fairy Tale)
- The Gruffalo (by Julia Donaldson)

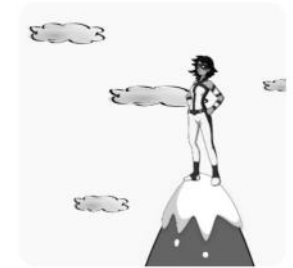
RAGS TO RICHES

The shape of this one is like a big hill. It goes low → high.

'Rags to Riches' stories have two parts. The main character starts off sad. Then something happens, and they end up very happy.

Examples of this sort of arc are:

- Cinderella (classic fairy tale)
- Matilda (by Roald Dahl)
- Lots of different Superheroes



FACTS WITH FEELINGS

Your partner's story has an arc too. Let's find it.

THE BEGINNING: Catch your reader's attention. How did your partner feel before?

THE MIDDLE: The middle of your story could be about an event.

If you can't find an event in your interview don't worry. You can tell your reader about your partner's feelings just now.

THE END: The end of a non-fiction story is the 'conclusion'. It gives your reader something to think about. How does your partner feel about the future?

Important: Your ending doesn't have to be happy. Stories show all sorts of feelings. It's OK for your partner to not feel happy. Your story can say that too.

SHARING YOUR STORY



You can share any story (or picture) on Celebrating Stories. You might even win a writing prize!

We would love to see your non-fiction story. We always keep names private on the internet. Please change your partner's name if you share it. We

look forward to reading your story, All the best, John