

Plan Your Own Story with Zuni Blue – 5 Easy Steps!

Step 1: Choose your real name, initials or pen name?

- *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* author Roald Dahl used his real name.
- *Harry Potter* author Joanne Rowling used her initials J.K. Rowling.
- *The Mean Girl Who Never Speaks* author Zahra Brown uses the pen name Zuni Blue.

What will your name be? (1 min)

Step 2: Choose a Genre.

HORROR – zombies, werewolves, vampires, etc.

SCIENCE FICTION – robots, aliens, space travel, etc.

Fantasy – dragons, magic, wizards, etc.

Mystery & Crime – police officers, secret agent, top secret cases, etc.

Children's Adventure – exploration, mysteries, treasures, etc.

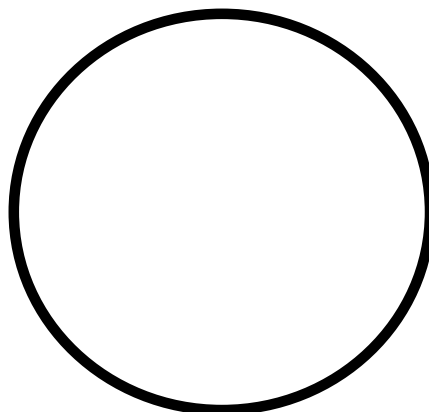
Choose your own genre or a mixture of different genres!

What will your genre(s) be? (2 mins)

Step 3: Choose the real world, another planet or create a world?

- Where is your story set? Which continent, country, city or town?
- Is your story set on another planet or star? Mars, the Moon, the Sun, etc.
- Create your own world on Earth, another planet, another solar system or a different universe.
- You even can go back or forward in time!

Let's design your world! (7 mins)

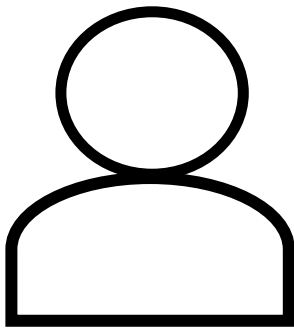


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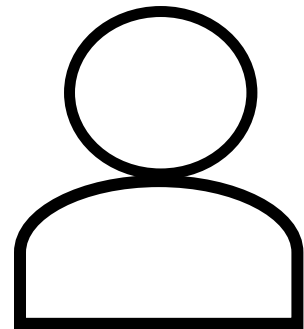
Step 4: Create a hero and villain.

- What is their age, race, gender, etc? What do they look like?
- What are their likes and dislikes?
- What is their personality like e.g. happy, sad, nice, mean, etc?
- What is their goal? Will they achieve their goal or fail?

Let's create your hero and villain! (10 mins)



Hero/Heroine



Villain/Villainess

Step 5: What is your writing goal?

- Do you want readers to feel emotional e.g. happy, excited, nervous, etc?
- Do you want readers to learn a lesson e.g. bullying is wrong?

How will your story affect readers? (5 mins)

Congratulations! You're ready to write!

- Write as little or as much as you like.
- Write as often as you like e.g. daily, weekly, etc.
- Write short stories, long stories or even poems.
- Write after school, at the weekend or on holiday.
- Use writing journals, lined paper or plain paper.



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