

Story Starters

Overview

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/story-starters/> is an interactive flexible tool that inspires students to write by generating creative story starters. The student may choose which type of story they want to write or teacher may tell them what genre they want them to choose. The student selects their grade level and spins a wheel. Then the Story Starter gives suggestions for character, plot and settings. You can change any part by clicking the individual spinner.

Content Area/Grade Level

Grades Kindergarten through Fifth

Lesson Ideas

Teachers may use as a whole group writing prompt using the interactive white board (younger grades may work collaboratively)

Students may use the tool individually to inspire stories

Teachers may print out several story starters and use in centers or journal writing

Tip

The program does prompt students for their name. Please take the time to remind students of cyber safety and use only their first names or make up a name.