

THE STORY SPINE

The Story Spine offers a structured formula for developing a story. Complete the sentences below to create a story. Think of each step as a sentence starter to help you map out your story.

The Story Spine	Structure	Function
Once upon a time...	Beginning	The world of the story is introduced and the main character's routine is established.
Every day...		
But one day...	The Event	The main character breaks the routine.
Because of that...	Middle	There are dire consequences for having broken the routine. It is unclear if the main character will come out alright in the end.
Because of that...		
Until finally...	The Climax	The main character embarks on a success or failure
And ever since then...	End	The main character succeeds or fails and a new routine is established.

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Once upon a time there was _____

Every day, _____

But one day _____

Because of that, _____

Because of that, _____

Until finally _____

And ever since then _____
