

WRITE A PEACHY SHORT STORY

A CHECKLIST FOR WRITING YOUR BEST SHORT STORY



Plot

Does your story have:

Beginning: Grab readers' attention! +

Middle: An emotional experience where readers are engaged in the hero/heroines struggles. +

Satisfying Resolution: Character growth, we've learned something, or we've experienced something.



Emotion

Does your story convey:

What you want readers to FEEL from the story?

Actions, dialogue, and backstory that bring your character to life and connect them to your reader?



Action

"Start as close to the end as possible." — Kurt Vonnegut

Know where your story is going. Give action a purpose and keep the reader engaged.



Conflict

Include both internal & external conflict. Readers keep turning pages when they're curious to know what happens next. (Google the TYPES of conflict if you're stuck. Man vs. Man, Man vs. Self, etc.)



Hook

Start with something unexpected. Start in the action. Create an emotional connection with reader.

Raise questions. Make them want more. Don't forget, your title is your first hook.



Yolo

You Only Live Once, aka you only get one shot to send your best

Write early so you have time to revise. Read it out loud so you can hear if it flows well and if the dialogue sounds natural. Accept feedback and be open to improvement. Put your best foot forward!