

Writing Activity: Short and Sweet

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Directions: Write a short (one- to two-page) action-packed story with a hero. Use the organizer on the following screens to help you plan what happens in your story. Pick names for your two main characters, the protagonist (hero) and the antagonist (hero's opponent). Then list three or four qualities describing each. What conflict occurs in the story to make it interesting? How does the story resolve itself? Share your final product with an audience.

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Hero (Protagonist)	Hero's Opponent (Antagonist)
Qualities of My Hero	Qualities of My Antagonist

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Conflict

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Resolution

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A strong short story

- develops at least two characters: a protagonist and an antagonist
- uses dialogue for maximum impact
- contains a conflict
- ends with a resolution of the conflict