

REACH Book Author Contest

Your book will need:

- Front Cover
- 10 to 20 pages for story with 5 lines per page
- About the Author/ Illustrator page
- Dedication Page (optional)
- Back Cover with book description (optional)

Examples of the dedication and cover pages can be found on the book template document.

A good story should have:

- ☐ A beginning, middle, and end
- ☐ Interesting Characters
- ☐ Sentences and Paragraphs
- ☐ A difficult problem that character solve
- ☐ Adjectives and adverbs to describe things

Mapping out your story: *Drawing these out step by step may help*

1. Think of an Idea relating to the theme.

What can you imagine? What can you see? What do you want your story to focus on?

2. Create a Character and a Setting

Who is this story about? Where will the story take place? Where are they going? Take time to draw and describe your characters. What are their names? What are their likes, dislikes, personality traits. Are they human, animal, or a thing?

3. The Beginning

All good children's stories have a beginning, middle, and an end. Set the opening scene. What's special or different about their main character?

4. The Conflict

What problem will the character(s) have? How did this happen? Before your character runs into the problem think about the event or events that will cause the problem. Draw the rising action.

5. The Turning Point

The turning point is usually the middle of the story and helps make a story more interesting. It can be a eureka moment, a time where a character discovers a hidden superpower or learns something important, or a surprise that throws the whole story into a spin.

6. The Resolution

A good story doesn't finish without a final resolution. How will the problem be resolved/solved? Think about linking the conflict with the turning point to create a meaningful resolution. Draw out the Resolution.

7. The End

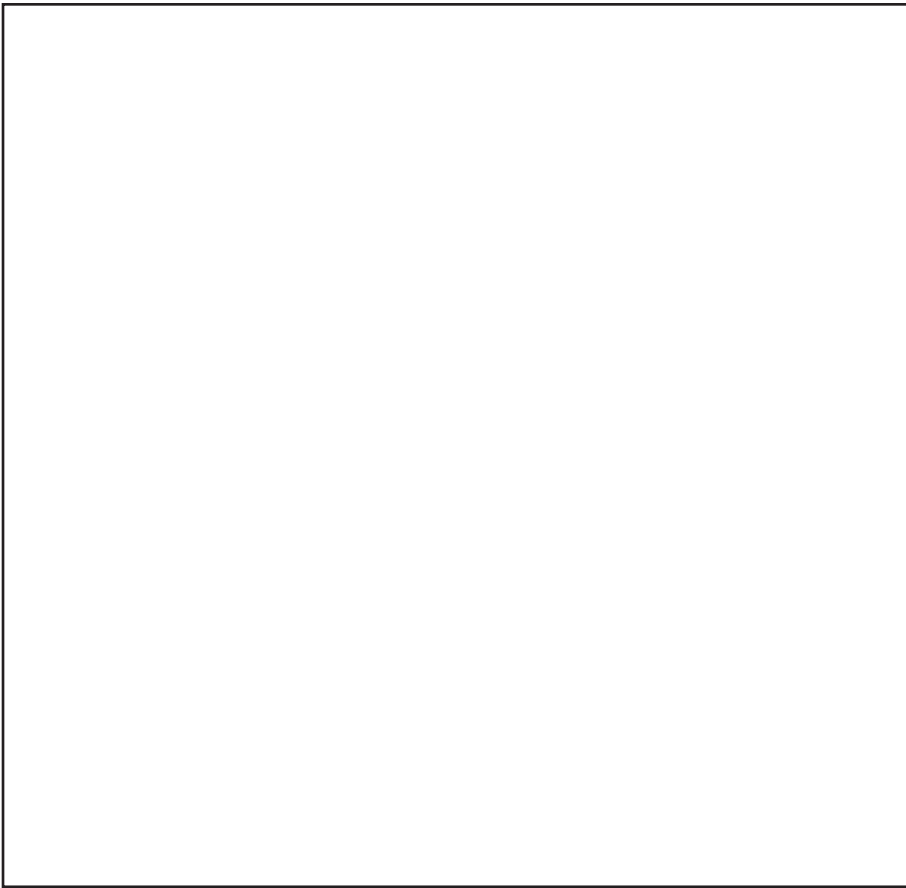
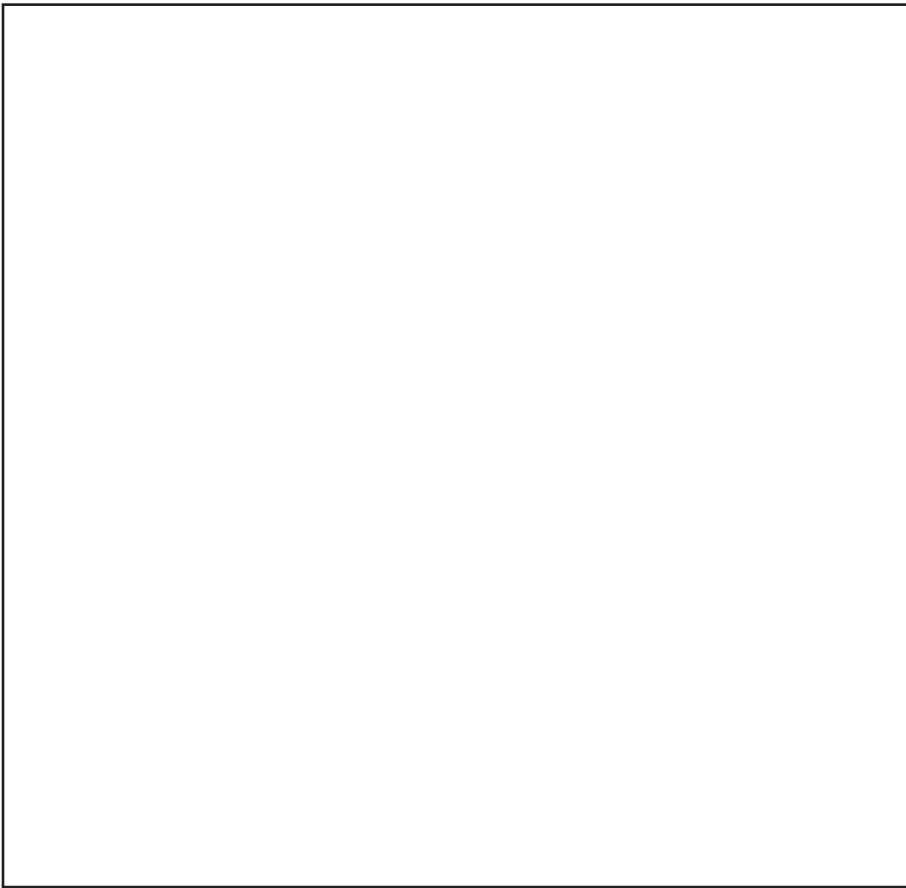
A satisfying ending is the perfect way to finish a story. What happened to the characters once their conflict became resolved? Were they able to finally achieve something, or did they learn an important lesson as a result?

Once you have all that planned out you can use these storyboards templates to get started on your rough draft of your book.

It helps to layout your ideas and sketch an image of your pages before Book Template found at **www.sinainc.org/bookcontest**.

This storyboard is great to use to sketch out your idea for your story. If using this page only you will need at least 5 pages printed.

This storyboard is great to use to sketch out your idea for your story. If using this page only you will need at least 7 pages printed.

A large, empty rectangular box intended for sketching the first scene of a story.A large, empty rectangular box intended for sketching the second scene of a story.

This page is great to use for the Author/Illustrator Page and Dedication page.