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STUDY NOTES & WORKSHEET NO: 5	Topic: STORY WRITING	Note: For Reference and to be done in notebooks

A story is a work of fiction or imagination that is usually written in easily understandable grammatical structure with natural flow of speech.

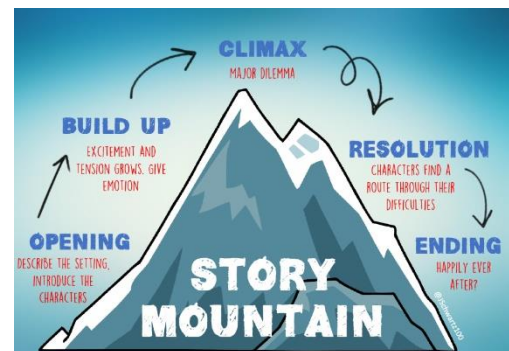
Points to remember while writing a story:

- Give a suitable title and it should be as short as possible.
- Narration of events should be in chronological order with a clear beginning, middle and end.
- Introduce meaningful monologue, dialogue or conversation (at least 3) in the story.
- Use simple language and 'Past tense'.

There are five main elements that apply to stories in general:

1. **Character:** The **protagonist** is the main character in a story. The **antagonist** is the character that opposes the main character.
2. **Setting:** The time and place of the story
3. **Conflict:** Struggle between the main character and an opposing force. A problem in the story that has to be resolved.
4. **Plot:** The sequence of events where each affects the next one through the principle of cause-and-effect.
5. **Theme:** The moral or message of the story

These are also the main “ingredients in a story”, apart from the title and the dialogues that add spice to a story!



Format of the Story:

<p><u>TITLE</u> – (to be underlined) SPACE Paragraph 1: The Introduction or the beginning of the story SPACE Paragraph 2: Incidents and events explained in detail SPACE Paragraph 3: Conclusion / Ending SPACE Moral/Words of Wisdom/Quote</p>

Sample Story:

Question: It was raining heavily; the street lights had gone off and I was returning.....

Complete the story in about 150-200 words, providing an appropriate title to it.

A Stormy Night

It was raining heavily. The street lights had gone off. I was returning home after watching the late-night show of a movie. Hardly anything was visible in the dark night.

Suddenly, I heard a sound behind me. I looked back but no one was there. “Who can that be?”, I asked myself. I started walking again. Again, I heard a sound. This time I was sure. I heard a cry of pain. I took my cell-phone and switched on the torch-light and started flashing it around. I noticed the sound was coming from the left side. I was frightened but I took courage and went towards the sound. What I saw made me have goosebumps. A man was lying in a pool of blood and his leg was crushed under a huge tree. “Please help me”, he cried in agony. On asking, he told me that he had stopped under the tree and was waiting for the rain to stop when suddenly out of the dark two men came on a bike. They robbed him of his valuables. When he cried for help they shot him. As if it was not enough, a storm started blowing. As it was an old tree, it could not stand against the raging storm. It got uprooted and his leg was crushed under it.

I immediately called the ambulance because I could not lift that tree up. The ambulance arrived within no time. The people came and helped the man through that painful experience. They lifted the tree with lots of labour, put the man in the ambulance and took him to the hospital. I felt happy and contented that I had saved a life.

‘We are not rich by what we possess but by what we do for others in kindness and empathy’.

Types of Questions on Story Writing:

1. Develop a story from the given outline/ Complete the story using the hints provided.
2. Frame a story with the help of the given extract. Provide a suitable title and moral.

3. Frame an imaginative story based on the given moral/quote.

Writing Tasks- Word Limit: 150-200 words

EXERCISE 1:

If you could invent a device to save the world, what would it be? Write a story in which you describe your invention and what impact it would have in improving the life of the people around.

EXERCISE 2:

Write a story in about 150-200 words on ANY ONE of the following topics:

- A Memorable Summer Vacation
- A Hilarious /Funny Incident

EXERCISE 3:

Gandhiji stated, “Be the change you wish to see in the world.” Write a story about a time when you set an example through your behaviour and actions for others.

😊 **HAPPY WRITING** 😊