

# SEEDS OF YOU

For this activity, think of an interesting story that happened in your life (or create a brand new story of your choosing). To help guide you through the writing process, use the stem/plant PDF to set up a story structure using the following components.

**Step 1 Onset/Exposition:** Who is the main character of the story? Where do they live? What do they typically do? Use the bottom box of the chart to define the setting of your story to the reader.

Example: In 'The Wizard of Oz', Dorothy, her dog Toto, and their life in Kansas is the exposition.

**Step 2 Rising Action:** This is a series of problems, conflicts, and interactions that builds tension and leads up to a turning point in a story. What problems arose in your story? Who did you interact with? What led to tension in your story?

Example: In 'The Wizard of Oz', Dorothy's house is hit by a tornado causing a problem. She meets the scarecrow, the tin man, and the cowardly lion on her way to Oz to meet the wizard who tells them to kill the Wicked Witch of the West. This represents the rising action.

**Step 3 Climax:** This is the turning point in the story. It is typically the most exciting point of the story that changes the mood. What was the turning point in your story?

Example: In 'The Wizard of Oz', Dorothy kills the Wicked Witch of the West by throwing water on her. This changed the events and mood of the story (from desperate to hopeful).

**Step 4 Falling Action:** What happened as a result of the climax? Now that the mood has changed, how did you and others react or what did you do?

Example: In 'The Wizard of Oz', Dorothy returns the witch's broom to the Wizard, who says he'll take her home in his hot air balloon. However, Toto jumps out and Dorothy follows him. Glenda the Good Witch then tells Dorothy to click her heels to return home. This is the falling action that sets the stage for the story's ending.

**Step 5 Resolution:** How does your story end? Was it a happy ending? Were all of your problems solved? What realizations did you come to?

Example: In 'The Wizard of Oz', Dorothy wakes up in Kansas to discover that she hit her head and Oz was all a dream.