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**SWIRL & SPARK STORY PLANNER**  
Creative Writer's Activity Kit

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# About the Planner

- The Story Planner Activity Kit is designed to help you organize your story. All you need to get started is a pencil or pen... and a great story idea!
- Once you have a story idea in mind, fill out one planning page at a time. You don't need to fill them out in order.
- Be sure to read the information on the left side of each page. There you'll find helpful tips to make your writing as strong as it can be.
- Once you've completed the planning pages, use the lined pages to write your story.
- Finally, fill out the Acknowledgments and Dedication page at the end of the planner.
- When you're finished, don't forget to give your story to a friend or family member to read. Great stories are always meant to be shared!

This Story Planner Belongs to:

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## Setting

Create a setting for your story so real your readers will believe it really exists.

The setting can set the stage for your character's conflict and resolution.

The setting should be a place that means a lot to the main character.

Use descriptions that help your readers "see" what your characters are seeing.

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## Set a Goal

What does your main character want? What do they hope to achieve over the course of the story?

Is there something that means the world to them? Tell your reader all about it.

How will the reader know that he or she has achieved the goal? Make sure you write about that too.

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## Conflict

What problem does your main character need to solve in order to reach his or her goal?

Who or what is standing in your character's way?

What will happen to the main character if he or she doesn't solve the problem, resolve the conflict, and reach the goal?

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## The End

Will your characters live happily ever after?

Will they solve their problem? Will they reach their goal?

It's important to give your readers a satisfying ending.

Be sure to answer their questions and give them an ending that makes sense for your characters.

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## I dedicate this story to...

Is there someone who helped you write this story? Did they help you research a topic? If so, be sure to thank them.

Did someone inspire you to write this story? Does someone mean a lot to you?

You can dedicate your story to as many people as you like. It is *your* story after all!

## Acknowledgements & Dedication:

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