



Hodge-Podge Story

Procedure: Each student must choose three numbers (from 1 to 10). Each number matches to an item on the list below. The first number relates to the character of their story, the second number relates to the setting of their story (place), the third number also relates to the setting of their story (time), and the fourth number relates to the plot (situation/challenge) of their story. Students will each end up with a particular character, setting, and plot that they must mesh together into a creative story.

Directions:

- ✧ Write a story with the character, setting, time period, and situation that you've chosen.
- ✧ The character that you've chosen should be the main character in the story, but isn't necessarily the ONLY character in the story.
- ✧ Likewise, most of the story will take place in the setting that you've chosen, but you can include other settings or elaborate on the setting that you have chosen (breaking it into several smaller settings, for example).
- ✧ The situation or challenge that you've chosen may involve the main character or your main character may observe someone else who must deal with the situation or challenge.
- ✧ In other words, you can combine these elements anyway that you desire, so long as all four are included in your story.

Story Requirements:

- About 500 words; 12 size font & Ariel or Times New Roman only
- If you choose to handwrite, please write neatly & double space
- Practice writing descriptively & use a thesaurus to practice expanding your vocabulary
- A hook; an introductory sentence and paragraph that grabs the reader's attention
- Proofread several times before turning the story in
- Use imagination, make your story exciting!
- Illustrate your story!

✧ Story worth: 25 points

✧ Rough Drafts Due: _____

✧ Final Copy Due: _____



Hodge-Podge List

Character:

1. a pregnant woman
2. a photographer
3. a recent high school graduate
4. a restaurant owner or manager
5. an alien from outer space
6. a homeless child
7. a 93-year-old woman
8. an environmentalist
9. a talking zebra
10. a prison escapee

Settings (Place):

1. near a National Forest
2. a wedding reception
3. a cave in Thailand
4. an expensive restaurant
5. the men's room at a dentist's office
6. a zoo
7. a hut in Egypt
8. a polluted stream
9. a college library
10. a funeral

Settings (Time):

1. during a fire
2. after a fight
3. the night of Abraham Lincoln's assassination
4. after a Thanksgiving dinner
5. sometime in December
6. 3:00 in the morning
7. during a big thunderstorm
8. in early spring
9. first week of the school year
10. during an operation in the E.R.

Plot (Situation/Challenge):

1. an important decision needs to be made
2. a secret needs to be confessed to someone else
3. someone's arm has been broken
4. a death has occurred
5. someone has found or lost something
6. someone has accused someone else of doing something wrong
7. a precious jewel has been discovered
8. an airplane is crashing
9. something mortifying has just happened
10. someone has become invisible