

NaNoWriMo Prep Story Check List

1. My story is about... (complete this sentence).
2. Describe your main character in one or two sentences without using names (focus on traits, profession, unique qualities), and try to express what the character wants, why he/she wants it, and what stands in the way.
3. List 3-4 major setbacks you imagine could keep your main character from reaching his or her goal.
4. Try to sum up your story idea in a one sentence “logline” that expresses the main conflict or story problem. (This is useful for query letters and a synopsis after NaNo)
5. Describe the event near the start of your story that triggers your character to begin the journey that is your story.
6. List 2-3 “Ah-ha!” moments or unexpected events that might happen in your story and take it in a new direction.
7. Describe the worst moment in your story, when all seems lost and the main character looks certain to fail.
8. Describe how the story will turn out. Will the main character get what he/she wants? How will the main character change over the course of the story?