

Youth Author Guide

Fictional Story Guide:

Fictional books should have a clear story, called a plot. Your story should have a beginning, a middle, and an end. The best stories have what is called a “climax”. This can be an exciting plot twist, a lesson that the main character learns, a fight scene, or a dramatic sadness. This often happens just before the ending section of the story.

Non-Fiction Story Guides:

Non-Fictional stories are based on something that actually happened, a place, an animal, or a person. Your book should have appropriate facts, this may require you to do research. You want your story to follow a chronological timeline. This means you would tell the story in order from beginning to end how it actually happened.

Fictional History:

These stories are based on something that happened in the past but told without historically accurate facts. You can make up the story based on true events. This could be a story about a cat that served in the army or a sheep that was in David’s flock. The possibilities are endless!

On the front cover of your book, you should include a title, your name, and a picture that is interesting and relevant to your book.

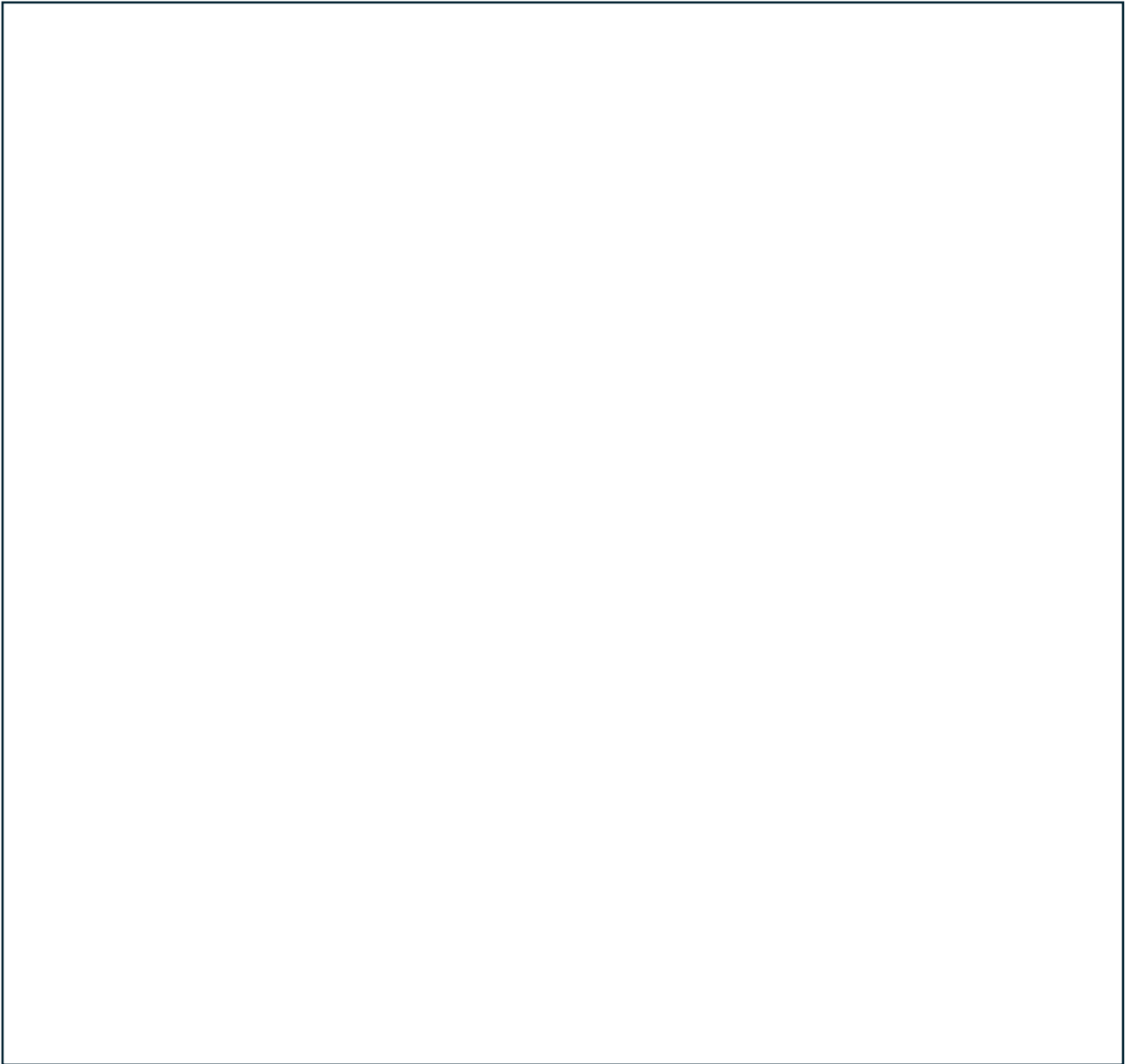
On the back of your book, you should write a short little paragraph that gives the potential reader an idea of what your book is about, this is called a SYNOPSIS. It should also include a little information about you! If your parents are ok with it, you can even put your picture on the back.

Remember, not every book is for every reader and that is OK! Your book may not be for everyone, BUT it could be someone’s favorite. Write what you are passionate about and the right reader will find it.

When you are done with your amazing story bring it to the Library and we will display it for others to read! If you need help putting your story together let KITS know and we would be happy to help!

Title:

Cover Art



Author: _____

Year Written: _____

