

Online story writing

The Young Writers Society is an online writing community that lets you develop your own stories or contribute to existing ones. You can also work on your writing, style and technique or just browse through hundreds of stories written by talented authors worldwide.

1 Reading: A story from an online writing community

a) Visit the online writing community *The Young Writers Society* and browse through the collection of young adult stories available.



The Young Writers Society:

<https://www.youngwriterssociety.com/>

b) Read one text that particularly caught your attention and collect information about the following points:

- author
- main characters and their relationship towards each other
- plot
- your personal opinion
- language and style

2 Speaking: My favourite story ... read aloud

Reading a story aloud to others can be a fantastic experience, but it's much more difficult than it looks. This section prepares you to read aloud a story effectively to your listeners.

a) Check the following two links to find out more about how to create an impressive reading experience.



YouTube Video "Reading Aloud to Children" by Kim Lehman:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dm_uEgELsRo



Tips on reading aloud:

<https://www.sfw.org/2009/08/16/reading-aloud/>

b) Compile a list of ten tips you plan to follow in your own reading.

c) Take time to thoroughly prepare a part of the story you've chosen in exercise 1 to read aloud to your classmates.

d) Read your part of the story to your classmates to make them interested in visiting the *The Young Writers Society* community and finding out how the story continues. If you want to, you can also videotape your reading and share the video online.

3 Writing: To be continued

Many stories published on *The Young Writers Society* are collaborative works, that means they have more than one author.

a) Browse to the last chapter of the story you've chosen in exercise 1 (or to the end of any other story) and find out if it made sense to continue it.

b) Continue the story by adding a chapter to it. While writing, keep in mind the following points:

- Observe how the characters develop in the original story and carefully adapt to that how the characters behave in your chapter.
- If you refer to past events in the story, be as accurate as possible.
- Try to adapt to the original author's style and language as closely as you can.

c) Share your chapter with your class. If you're brave enough you could also add your chapter to the story through *The Young Writers Society*. To do that, you'll have to register with the community first and then click on the button "Add a new chapter to this story" at the end of a story. Happy Writing!