

## Teen Q&A - Handout

If you would like more information on genres, plotting, fight scenes, believable plots, relatable characters, or publishing options, please email me. My heart is for helping teens to grow and become the writers God has called them to be. My website also has other writing resources at <https://CrystalCaudill.com/Online-Resources/>.

Thanks for joining me!

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### Story Type Lengths

Flash Fiction: 999 words and under

Short Story: 1,000 - 8,000 words

Long Short Story: 5,000 - 10,000 words

Novella: 10,000 - 40,000 words

Novel: 40,000 or more words

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### WRITING HINTS:

- Have each character name start with a different letter, and avoid names that rhyme or would be easy to confuse. You want to be as clear and nice to the reader as possible.
  - Your first draft is not your final draft. Writing THE END does not mean you're done. A truly well written story takes many revisions, edits, and drafts.
  - Find another writer you trust who's a little further along than you to be a critique partner. They will help you and your story grow.
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### Suggested Books

*The Snowflake Method* by Randy Ingermanson

*The Story Equation* by Susan May Warren

*Getting into Character* by Brandilyn Collins

*The Dance of Character & Plot* by DiAnn Mills

*Goal, Conflict, & Motivation* by Debra Dixon

*Write Your Novel from the Middle* by James Scott Bell

*Plot and Structure* by James Scott Bell

*Seize the Story: A Handbook for Teens Who Like to Write* by Victoria Hanley

*Save the Cat Writes a Novel* by Jessica Brody

*Teen Writer's Guide* by Jennifer Jenkins

*Writing Advice for Teens (series)* by Mike Kalmbach

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### **Online Websites / Communities**

<http://seekerville.blogspot.com> - a blog with writing topics and giveaways

<https://ywp.nanowrimo.org/> - National Novel Writing Month is a fun, empowering approach to creative writing. The challenge: draft an entire novel in just one month. For 30 wild, exciting, surprising days, you get to lock away your inner editor, let your imagination take over, and just create! Our Young Writers Program supports under-18 writers and K-12 educators as they participate in our flagship event each November, and take part in smaller writing challenges year-round.

<https://goteenwriters.com/new-start-here/> - Go Teen Writers exists to provide honesty, encouragement, and community to teen writers.

<https://www.theyoungwriter.com/> - This is a subscription community, but you might be interested in checking it out.