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LISTING

Listing is a brainstorming technique many people find easy and natural.

List possible topics/categories, and later expand with sub lists of things you can write within/about each category.

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Use EXCEL spreadsheets, paper, index cards, sticky notes, or sticky posters.

This process helps you explore different aspects/elements of a story or writing project in any genre.

Ex. The EIGHT Elements of a Story

[The 8 Elements of a Story - Explained for Students! \(2021\) \(helpfulprofessor.com\)](https://helpfulprofessor.com/)

1. Setting
2. Characters
3. Plot
4. Conflict
5. Theme
6. Point of View
7. Tone
8. Style



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Listing is a brainstorming technique many people find useful.

Instructions:

Across the top of the sheet, write column headings for elements of your story. Use multiple tabs of an Excel workbook, multiple pages of a notebook, organize lists in a binder, use an app, or find other methods you enjoy.

Use the 8 essential elements of story design:

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LISTING

Eight elements and more categories under which you may want to list:

Settings	Point of View	Resolutions	Humor
Characters	Tone	Victories	Research
Plot	Style	Tragedies	Dialogue
Conflict	Big moments	Quotes	?
Theme	Problems	Lessons	?

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Across the top of your page/sheet, enter the column headings (elements of your story).

List for ten minutes. Do not stop, correct, or self-edit.

When you finish, look for patterns.

Notice how creating makes you more creative?



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