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SCHOOL FOR AUTHORS

**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.

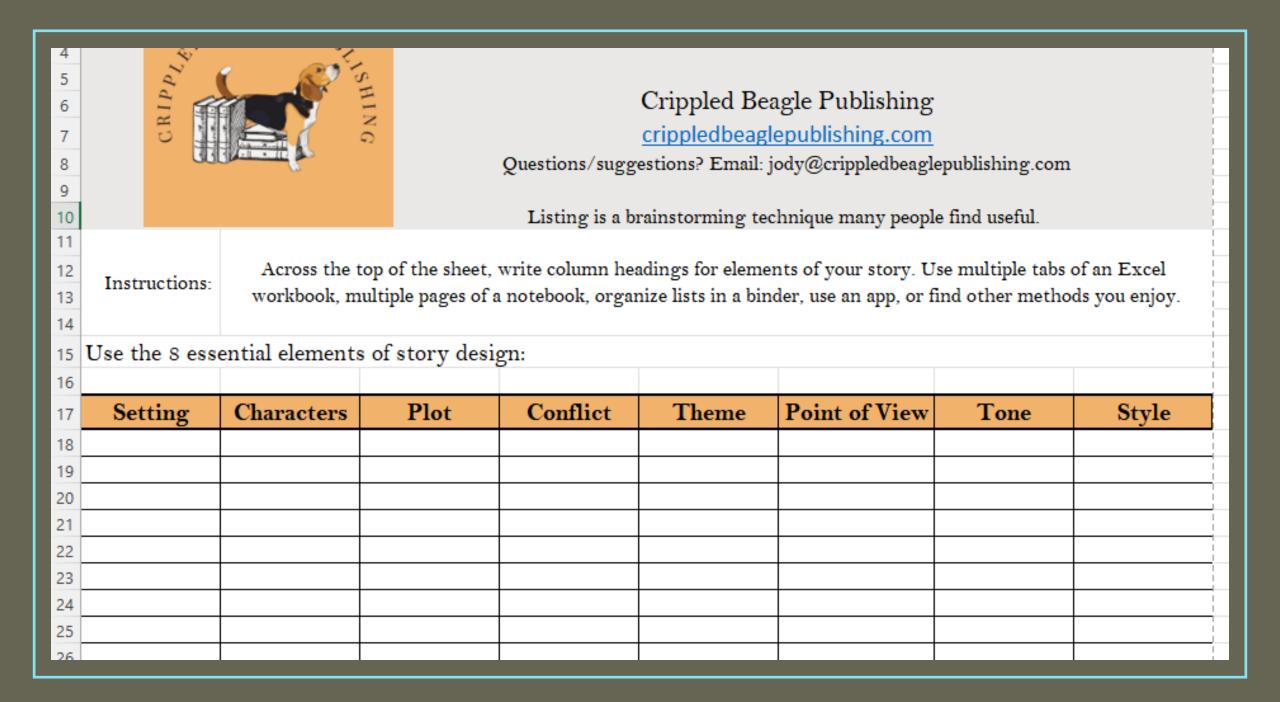
Use EXCEL spreadsheets, paper, index cards, sticky notes, or sticky posters.

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)

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



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 ?

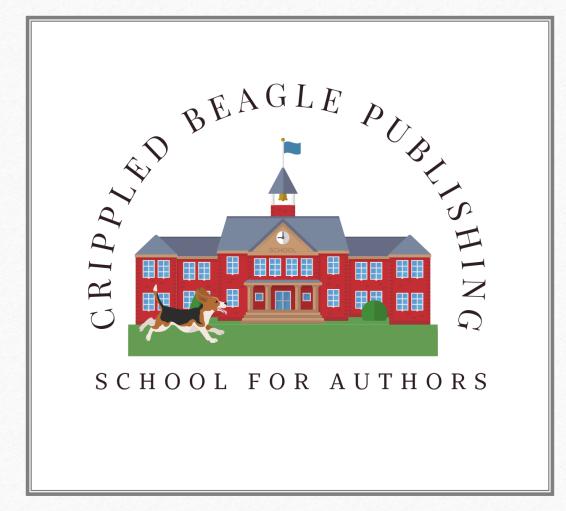
Theme Problems Lessons

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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