

Dorothy, a young girl from Kansas, is caught in a tornado and transported to the magical land of Oz. The only way for her to get home is to walk the Yellow Brick Road to the Emerald City and get help from *The Wizard of Oz*.



SETUP

- **Who:** Introduce the main character.
- **Where:** Tell us about the setting.
- **What:** There should be something that the main character wants or needs – a goal.

Unfortunately, the Wicked Witch of the West has other plans for Dorothy!



CONFLICT

This is when things start to get exciting. Introduce a problem into the story – something that stops the character from getting what they want. We can now ask:

- Will the character achieve their goal?
- How will they get past this obstacle?

Eventually Dorothy defeats the witch, arrives at the Emerald City, meets the wizard and returns to Kansas. She learns a lesson about the importance of home and the people she loves.



RESOLUTION

- How does your story end?
- Does the character achieve their goal?

Whatever happens, stories involve change:

- What does the character know now that they didn't know at the beginning?
- Or how has the world around them changed?

Causality: in a story, events are connected. In other words, things happen because other things happen. Avoid “and then ...”

