



**FOR KIDS**

## READY TO WRITE A MYSTERY?

### Step 1: Choosing a Mystery

Good mysteries have something to solve. This can be a crime (like a robbery) or something that can't be explained (like the lights keep turning off). Your mystery will focus on this.

### Step 2: Picking a Location

Where does the mystery happen? Some ideas are museums, a place in the past, outdoors or parks, or a spooky house or graveyard. The location will help you figure out where your characters will be and what events can take place there.

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### Step 3: Creating Your Characters

Who is there? Think about who is solving the mystery or who was there when the main event happened. Maybe your main characters are a group of highschoolers or a brother and sister detective team!

### Step 4: Starting the Story

Think about how the mystery begins. What happens before the mystery is solved? What clues might be found along the way? This is the journey to solving the mystery!



