How to Write a Story that's not Boring

I. Who is John Gardiner?





II. Can't we all write a good story? Why should we write one?

III. Nine points to use to test every idea for a story

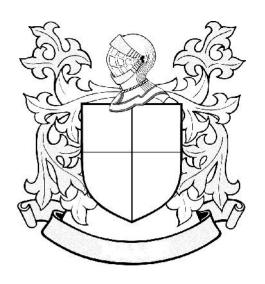
- A. Main character who wants something
- B. Why can't the main character have what he wants?
- C. What happens if the main character doesn't get what he wants?
- D. How does my main character struggle to get what he wants?
- E. What additional hardships does your character face?
- F. When does it appear hopeless?
- G. Does your main character get what he wants?

- H. When is the distress alleviated?
- I. What is unexpected or surprising about the ending?
- J. Foreshadowing
- IV. Finishing the story

WANT STRUGGLE SURPRISE

HOW TO WRITE AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY

- I. Intro
- II. Title
- III. Coat of Arms



IV. Physical Description

V. Where I've Lived

VI. Pie of Life



VII. If I Had a Million Dollars...

VIII. Meet My Family

IX. Great Achievement to Date

X. If I Could Travel Anywhere

XI. Who is someone you admire?

XII. Where do you see yourself in 15 years?

XIII. Imagine yourself as an 80 year old...

XIV. Epitaph

P.S: The cover