



RESEARCH: WRITING A STORY

What elements you need to prepare and include(lesson 1 and 2)

What are you going to do?

- 2 lessons to research and prepare your story
- Copy the elements that are given in the following slides
- Give information about these elements to prepare writing your story (→ *these will serve as outlines to your final product and should be included in your preparation*)
- After you have researched the elements and included them in your preparation, you can start working on your final product in the next lesson

Research lesson 1: Elements of a story

- Before you start writing/filming, include information on the following:
- **Characters** (*who are the characters, what is their past/present/future, who lives/dies, what are the relationships among them*)
- **Setting** (*where/when does it take place, what effect does this have on the story, what locations/times are we in*)
- **Theme** (*what is a general message you're trying to get across, what does the audience need to take with them*)
- **Conflict** (*what is a turning point, what events lead up to the conflict*)

Research lesson 2: Other story elements

- Besides the basic elements of a story, you should also include the following in your preparation:
- **Storylines** (*explain how different storylines are intertwined or paralleled, how do they influence each other*)
- **Plot devices** (*Look up: MacGuffin, Deus ex machina, Shoulder angel, Red herring, Plot voucher. Include one of these in your story and explain how it is included/why it works in your story*)
- **Materials** (*make a list of the materials you will need to actually produce your story so you can bring them next time*)