

# Tips for writing a good story



**Step 1:** Choose a theme for your story

There are many topics that you can choose from. What do you know about Canadian agriculture? What would you like to learn? Select a theme and begin brainstorming.

**Step 2:** Not an expert? Research is okay! Remember to keep track of the websites, books, and other materials that you use.

**Step 3:** Writing your story

After you pick a topic and take time to research you will be ready to start planning your story. Here are a few guiding questions to help you brainstorm.

**Who:** Who are your characters?

**What:** What will you name the characters?

What Canadian agriculture topic will you write about?

What happens in your story? Is there a mystery to solve? Do your characters go on an adventure? Do they overcome a problem?

**Where:** Where does your story take place?

**When:** When does your story take place?

**Why:** Why is this area of Canadian agriculture important?

**How:** How will your story start and end?

How can you map out the story?

**Step 4:** Make your story come to life

All great stories include illustrations. You can draw your own illustrations or take photos with a camera to include in your story.

**Step 5:** Before submitting your story, share it with a family member or friend to ensure that it is ready to submit.

**Step 6:** Visit [www.canadianfairs.ca](http://www.canadianfairs.ca) and read through the competition guidelines to ensure you have all that you need to produce a winning story! If you have any questions, please contact Holly at [holly@canadian-fairs.ca](mailto:holly@canadian-fairs.ca)



## Topic suggestions

- Life on the farm
- Farm mystery
- I am a member of 4-H ...
- Growing garden
- What I've learned about Canadian agriculture
- Getting your animal ready for the fair or show ring
- Winter on the farm



If you are interested in focusing on a specific topic this is a sample of the resources available

Dairy	<a href="http://www.dairyfarmersofcanada.ca">www.dairyfarmersofcanada.ca</a>	<a href="http://www.aitc-canada.ca">www.aitc-canada.ca</a>
Beef	<a href="http://www.canadabeef.ca">www.canadabeef.ca</a>	<a href="http://www.farmfoodcare.org">www.farmfoodcare.org</a>
Chickens	<a href="http://www.chicken.ca">www.chicken.ca</a> <a href="http://www.letstalkchicken.ca">www.letstalkchicken.ca</a>	<a href="http://www.agriculturemorethannever.ca">www.agriculturemorethannever.ca</a>
Berries	<a href="http://www.ontarioberries.com">www.ontarioberries.com</a>	
Bees	<a href="http://www.beesmatter.ca">www.beesmatter.ca</a> <a href="http://www.bees.techno-science.ca/english/bees/">www.bees.techno-science.ca/english/bees/</a>	
... and so much more!		

Good luck!