

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.canadian-fairs.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



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	www.dairyfarmersofcanada.ca	www.aitc-canada.ca
Beef	www.canadabeef.ca	www.farmfoodcare.org
Chickens	www.chicken.ca www.letstalkchicken.ca	www.agriculturemorethannever.ca
Berries	www.ontarioberries.com	
Bees	www.beesmatter.ca www.bees.techno-science.ca/english/bees/	
... and so much more!		

Good luck!