



Novelist



Badge Overview

Experience the fun of a novelist's career and learn the steps involved in writing a novel. Then, write your own work of fiction. When you've earned this badge, you'll know what it takes to write a great novel and you'll have written at least 20 pages of your own.

Badge Components

1. Deconstruct a novel

Find a book of at least 200 pages in the same genre that you want to write your novel in. Read this book and then review it!

- What did you like about the plot?
- What could've gone differently?
- Think about how you would use these critiques when writing your own novel.
 - o If you can't find a book and you have a library card, try using the app Libby where you can put in your library card information and have access to all the e-books your library system owns!

2. Create great characters

Watch this [video](#) from a young author who talks about developing complex characters!

- Using this advice, form the main characters of your novel.
- Her YouTube channel is a great place for beginning writers so make sure to use her as a resource if you have other questions.

3. Develop a plot

It's time to write out the main idea of what's going to happen!

- This [article](#) shows a great process to write a plot for your story.
- Using these tips, write a plot of your own.

4. Write at least 20 pages

These 20 pages can be whichever ones you want!

- It can be the first 20 pages, the pages of the important plot points in your book, you name it. Don't be afraid to keep going!

5. Edit your pages

A few days after you write those initial pages, revisit your work for a first round of edits.

- This is the time to proofread, look for spelling errors, and to see if there are any gaps in the story that you can fill.
- Once you've done this first round, share your story with two people to have them look at it.

Materials

- Access to internet
- Something to write with
- Something to write on

Florida Educational Standards

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