

THE QUEST: FOLLOW YOUR IMAGINATION

You have worked hard as the bard's apprentice! The bard is thrilled with your story so far, and thinks you have what it takes to become a bard. But first, you have to write the full story.

PART 1: Use the first two activity sheets and the questions and tips below to guide you in your writing.

BEGINNING (SETTING AND CHARACTERS):

Start by introducing your characters and the setting. Who are the companions, where are they, and where are they going?

- **TIP!** Remember to show, not tell! For example, instead of saying that the companions are in a dark, cold forest, describe tall trees that block the light, shadows covering the ground, and show that it's cold by having the characters shiver and stomp their feet to keep warm. Add dialogue to help the readers get to know the characters' names and personalities.

EVENT: What happens to the characters and what problem does it cause?

- **TIP!** Add details such as how the characters are feeling and reacting to the event. Use descriptive words.

PROBLEM: What is the problem? How are the characters feeling about it?

- **TIP!** People react to problems in different ways. Think about how each character will react to the problem (especially if they are in danger), and how that might strengthen – or weaken – the team.

PART 2: On the back of this page, create an illustration for your completed story.

EVENT: What event leads them to the solution? Does it involve new characters, luck, skill, magic, a natural event, or a combination of those things?

- **TIP!** Add one or two-word interjections or exclamations, such as "Wow!" "Excellent!" "Stop!" "Look out!" or "No way!" This helps add dialogue and excitement.

SOLUTION: How is the problem solved? How do the characters feel about the solution?

CONCLUSION AND THEME: The theme should lead to the conclusion of your story. What did your characters learn? Did the theme help them find a solution to the problem? What lesson will they carry with them?

- **TIP!** Leave the reader wanting more by giving a hint at the end of your story that the companions may face more adventures in the future!



CONGRATULATIONS!

You have helped the bard write an exciting story, and now you have completed your training to become a bard!

