

Short Story Outline

Directions: Fill in the table that follows to outline your original short story.

Reminder: A short story is a form of narrative writing. When you write a short story, you make up characters, a plot, and conflicts in order to tell an entertaining story to your reader.		
Background Information		
Setting	Place	New York City
	Time	December
Protagonist (main character)	Name	Rob
	Description <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age • Physical description • Important details 	Age – About 20 years old Physical Appearance – Brown hair, 6 feet tall, and has blue eyes Important Details – Moved to New York City when he was 18, lives alone in an apartment, looking to get on a Broadway show
Other Characters (as needed)	Name and brief description	Mr. Smith is a production manager for a show, who gives Rob a chance at being in his show.
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Conflict	What type of conflict is it? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Character vs. character • Character vs. nature • Character vs. self • Character vs. supernatural 	Character vs. character (Since nobody will hire him for any show he tries to audition for).
	What is the main conflict in the story?	The main conflict of the story is having trouble finding a show that will hire him, as so far every show he has auditioned for he has been rejected.

Plot Outline

Use the information from the background section to outline your plot.

Exposition: How will the story start?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Story introduces Rob and explains a bit of how he got to where he is now.• Also explains how he wants to be on a Broadway show.• Rob plans to go around auditioning for any show that he can get on to.
Rising Action: Identify the events that escalate the conflict.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• He starts to have some trouble, as no show he auditions for will actually hire him.• Rob begins to get stressed out as he seems like he isn't getting any luck with the shows he auditions for.
Climax: What is the climax of the story? How will your character react?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rob looks at his struggles and considers giving up and leaving the city as he feels he won't get any chance to be on a show.
Falling Action: Identify the events that occur after the climax.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• He decides that he won't give up, as he feels he would have more regret giving up than not getting a show at all.• He meets a guy, named Mr. Smith, in Times Square and explains how he really wants to get a part on a show.• Mr. Smith ended up being a manager for a show and said his determination appealed to him. He'd give Rob a chance.
Resolution: How will the story end?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rob takes up the offer and auditions for his show. He gets the part and is very happy as all of his hard work of finding a show has finally paid off.