

Fiction writing: Historical story

Ever dreamed of meeting a famous figure from history? Well, now's your chance. We are going to write a story set in the past. Firstly, choose a character or a time in history that you'd like to set your story in. Here are a few suggestions or you could choose your own.

This is a link to a brilliant website that has lots of historical books you can read for free. Click on the link and have a read before you start writing to give you some ideas.

Historical books



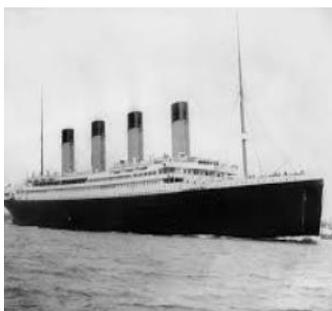
**King Henry VIII was a very powerful king who ruled England from 1509 to 1547. He is famous for having 6 wives and was described as being intelligent, out-going and ruthless. (This means he would do anything to have his own way!)**



**Cleopatra became queen of Egypt following the death of her father in 51 BC. She was famous for her beauty and intelligence. She made Egypt a peaceful place to live whilst she was the queen.**



**The ancient Greece empire was most powerful between 2000 BC and 146 BC. The ancient Greeks developed lots of ideas for the arts, religion, science and government. We learnt about this empire in the Autumn term.**



**RMS Titanic was a British passenger liner operated by the White Star Line that sank in the North Atlantic Ocean in the early morning hours of 15 April 1912, after striking an iceberg during her maiden voyage from Southampton to New York City. We learnt all about this last term.**

Use the planning headings here to write down some ideas for your story. If you have access to the internet, you could research some historical details to include. If you can't, then choose one of the times in history we have learned about in class.

Who is your historical figure or what time in history are you going to be in?
Where is your story set? Think about what it would have looked like.
Who is your main character? Who are they going to meet? What are they like? Are you in your story?
What happens to them? Is there a problem they have to resolve? If there is, how do they resolve it?
How does your story end? Do you become friends with the historical figure in your story? Maybe you end up being one of King Henry's or Queen Cleopatra's best friends. Maybe you survive the sinking of the Titanic or perhaps you are someone who becomes rich and powerful in the ancient Greek empire. It is up to you!

### Remember:

Write in the past tense.
Use expanded noun phrases (adjectives) to describe the setting and characters.
Use conjunctions (because, meanwhile, next) to link sentences.
Organise your writing into paragraphs.
Check spellings that you are not sure about with an adult or in a dictionary (you can do this on-line).

**I** **ing** - Smiling sweetly, she turned and walked away.

**S** **simile** - Like the chocolates in the box, she vanished quickly.

**P** **preposition** - On top of the hill, the wolf stood and watched.

**A** **adverb** - Hurriedly, he snatched the ticket.

**C** **conjunction** - When he found his bone, the dog settled at the bottom of the stairs.

**E** **ed** - Pleased with what he had done, he stood back and admired his work.