

The Story Spine

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| 1 | Once there was ----- | Beginning. Introduce the focus of your story (e.g., a person or place) |
| 2 | Every day, ----- | |
| 3 | Until one day, ----- | An Event breaks the routine. |
| 4 | Because of that, ----- | Middle. One change leads to another. |
| 5 | And because of that, ----- | |
| 6 | (Optional) And because of that, ----- | |
| 7 | Ultimately, ----- | Climax. A turning point is reached. |
| 8 | Since then, ----- | End. Introduce the new routine. |

Credits: The Story Spine was developed by playwright and teacher Kenn Adams and popularized by Pixar.