



Finding ideas

Feeling stuck? You could borrow a character from a book or a film, and add new traits to make it your own. Alternatively, take someone you've read about in a newspaper or magazine. You could even star in your story, along with your friends.



Antagonist

This might be a kidnapper, or a ghost that becomes dangerous when it's disturbed.

Name

What does he/she/it look like?

What drives him/her/it?

More than skin deep

Give your characters personal struggles that your reader can identify with, such as a deep regret or a fear of loneliness. Once your reader begins to care about your characters, there's more at stake when things start to go wrong...

Does he/she/it have any strange habits?

Does anything make him/her/it happy?

How does the antagonist react when he/she/it is angry?

What frightens him/her/it?

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