**Planning Your Story- questions to consider:**

**Setting**

* Where will it take place?
* What time period?
* How will I show the setting and time period?
* How can I use the setting to convey the mood?

**Characters**

* Who will be in your story?
* Names, ages, occupations, situations--
* How will you show the above?

**Narrator**

* Who will tell the story?
* Is the narrator the same person?
* How will you show the tone? (attitude of the narrator)
* What distance will the narrator have from the story?

**Theme**

* How will I incorporate the idea of change?
* Will a change occur before, during, or after my story?
* Will my characters consider a change? React to a change?
* Is the change necessary?

**Plot**

* Beginning, middle, end
* What conflict(s) will surface?
* How will I build suspense?
* How will they be resolved?