Choose one of the story ideas below for fantasy fiction. You could also use these ideas to help you brainstorm your own story ideas. Then write a fantasy-fiction story that includes magical or mythical characters, an interesting setting, and a well-developed plot that leaves readers feeling that good has triumphed over evil.

- Amelia ran to the tree house in her backyard. As soon as she got up, she took out her telescope to look at the magic bird in her neighbor’s yard.
- Camille’s grandmother gives her an enchanted jewelry box. The ballerina that spins inside the box grants Camille a wish.
- Joe and his little brother Michael explore their uncle’s attic and discover a knight’s helmet. When Michael jokes around and puts it on his head, he sees a dragon flying past the attic window.
- While Stella is planting spring flowers in her yard, she sees a tiny person with wings hide under a large leaf.
- Collin finds a special rock at the beach. He brings it home with his other finds, but at night it starts to glow.
- A princess who lives in a castle on the coast must save a mermaid who visited her once when the princess was a little girl.
- You wake up one morning feeling a little strange. As you walk into the kitchen for breakfast, you discover you have a superpower.
- While you are helping your dad clean out the basement, you discover an old book. Most of the pages have fallen out. You ask your dad about it, and he says that he’s never seen it before. You look at it together and realize it’s an old diary. One page has part of a poem on it. As you read it aloud, the basement starts to sparkle.
- A new student joins your class. You invite him to play with you and your friends at recess. You notice something odd about him, but other than his being a little clumsy, you can’t quite figure out what it is. After school, as he is packing up his backpack, you notice that his skin is invisible under his shirt sleeve. You can see his face, neck, and hands, but the skin under his shirt isn’t there!

**Writing Traits for a Fantasy-Fiction Story**

Ask yourself these questions throughout the writing process.

| Ideas | Does my story have well-developed characters with magical or supernatural abilities?  
| Does the story have an interesting setting that is unreal or magical?  
| Does the story include characteristics of fantasy fiction, such as mythical creatures or royalty? |
| Organization | Am I planning my story by organizing details in a time line or another graphic organizer, a list, notes, or an outline?  
| Does the beginning introduce the main character; the setting; and a problem, conflict, or goal?  
| Does the middle develop the plot with rising action and a climax?  
| Does the ending include a resolution? |
| Voice | Does my writing have a lively and suspenseful voice? |
| Word Choice | Is my word choice creative and original? |
| Sentence Fluency | Do I use a variety of sentence types and lengths?  
| Do I use literary techniques, such as flashbacks, foreshadowing, and dialogue? |
| Conventions | Do I use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization? |
| Presentation | Do I include a related illustration?  
| Is my writing neat or typed and easy to read?  
| Does the paper have consistent margins and spacing? |