



Characters

1. Think of someone who must struggle to resolve a problem.
2. Decide what he/she wants.
3. Test your idea to make sure your character can solve her own problem and that the solution won't be too easy.
4. Check the whole thing against your own feelings. (Would this matter to you? Does the idea excite you? Do you really care about what your character will be going through?)
5. Finally, if your story follows normal life too closely, stretch it by asking, *What if?*