



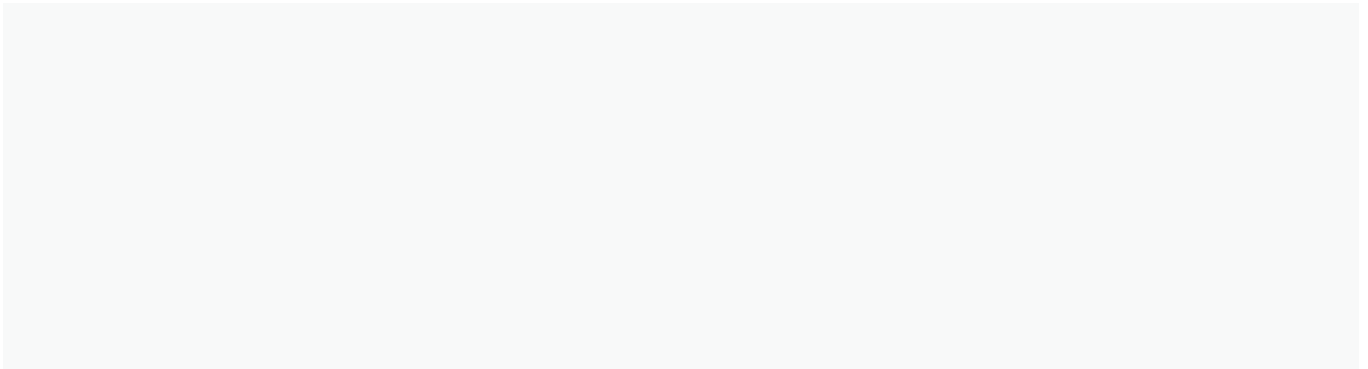
FINDING STORY IDEAS

1. What genres do you like to read? What are some of your favorite books?

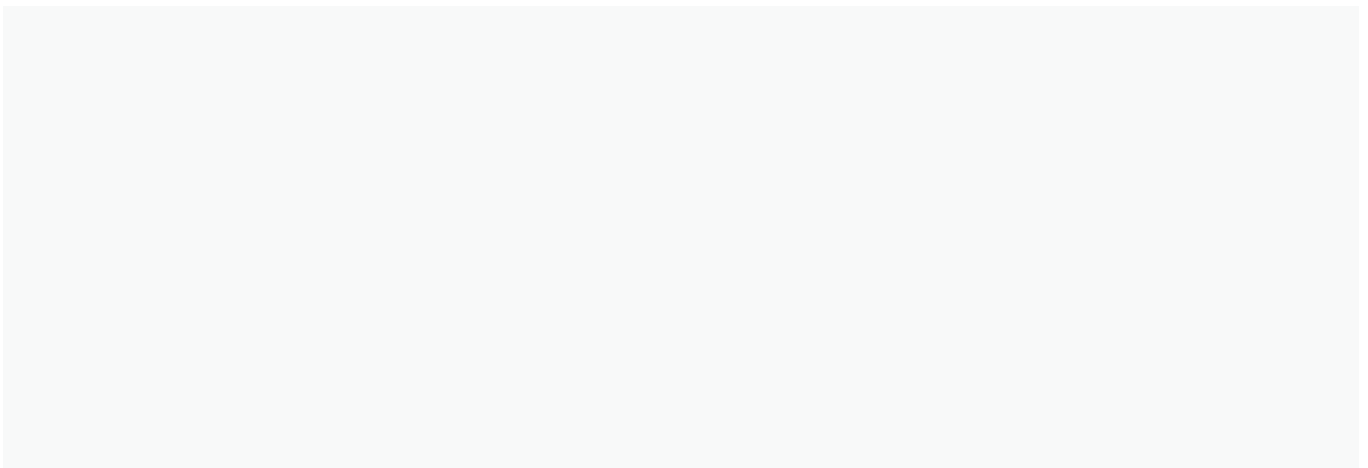
2. What myths, legends fairy tales, etc. interest you?

3. What historical time periods are drawn to? What specific historical events interest you?

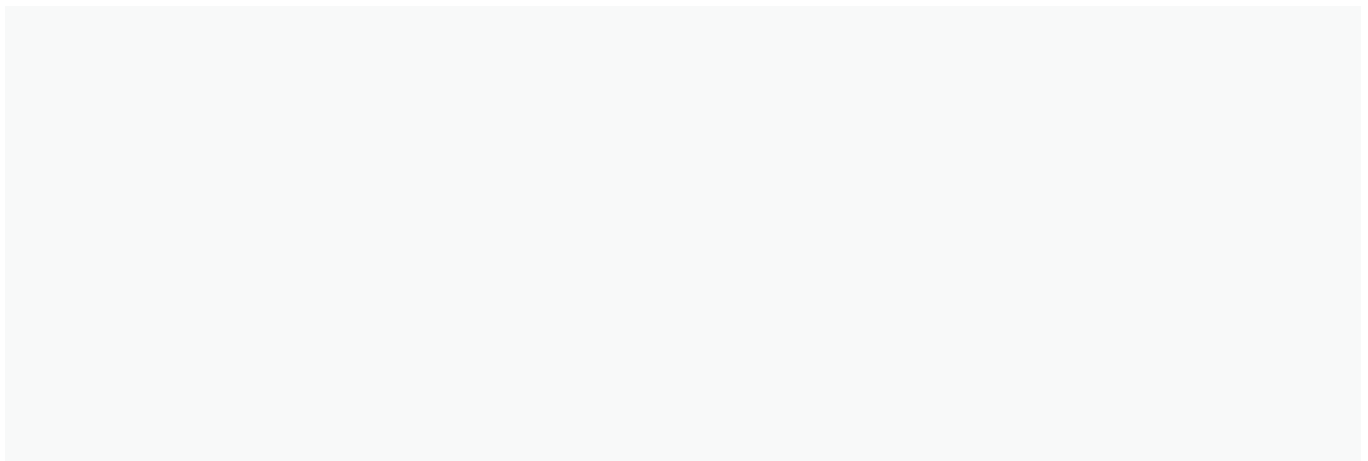
4. What countries and cultures interest you? Where would you like to travel?



5. What hobbies of other people fascinate you? What have you always wanted to learn? (Ex. Ballet, archery, acrobatics, fencing, etc.)



6. What specific or strange things interest you or make you curious? (Ex. Henna tattoos, Baroque art, astrology, etc.)



BRAINSTORM

Take one—or a combination of—the ideas you listed and start building a story around them. Search Pinterest for visual inspiration that might spark a story, or use Google to start learning more about the topic. (Ex. ballet)

Next, start brainstorming a character who would fit into this idea, drawing ideas from images and articles on the topic (Ex. a ballerina). Ask questions: Who is this? What are they doing? What is happening here? What happened before? What might happen next? Why are they doing this? What do they want? How can I connect these things?

