

Short story competition

Ages 7 to 18 years

**TURNING POINT**

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# What makes a story interesting



Getting ideas

Your character



The story



# TURNING POINT

Base your story on one of the three picture prompts on the following pages.

The sentences underneath are optional.

Remember that the theme is Turning Point, however you wish to interpret that.

No 1



Optional first sentence:

It had taken me seven hundred and thirty-  
four days to get this far.



No 2



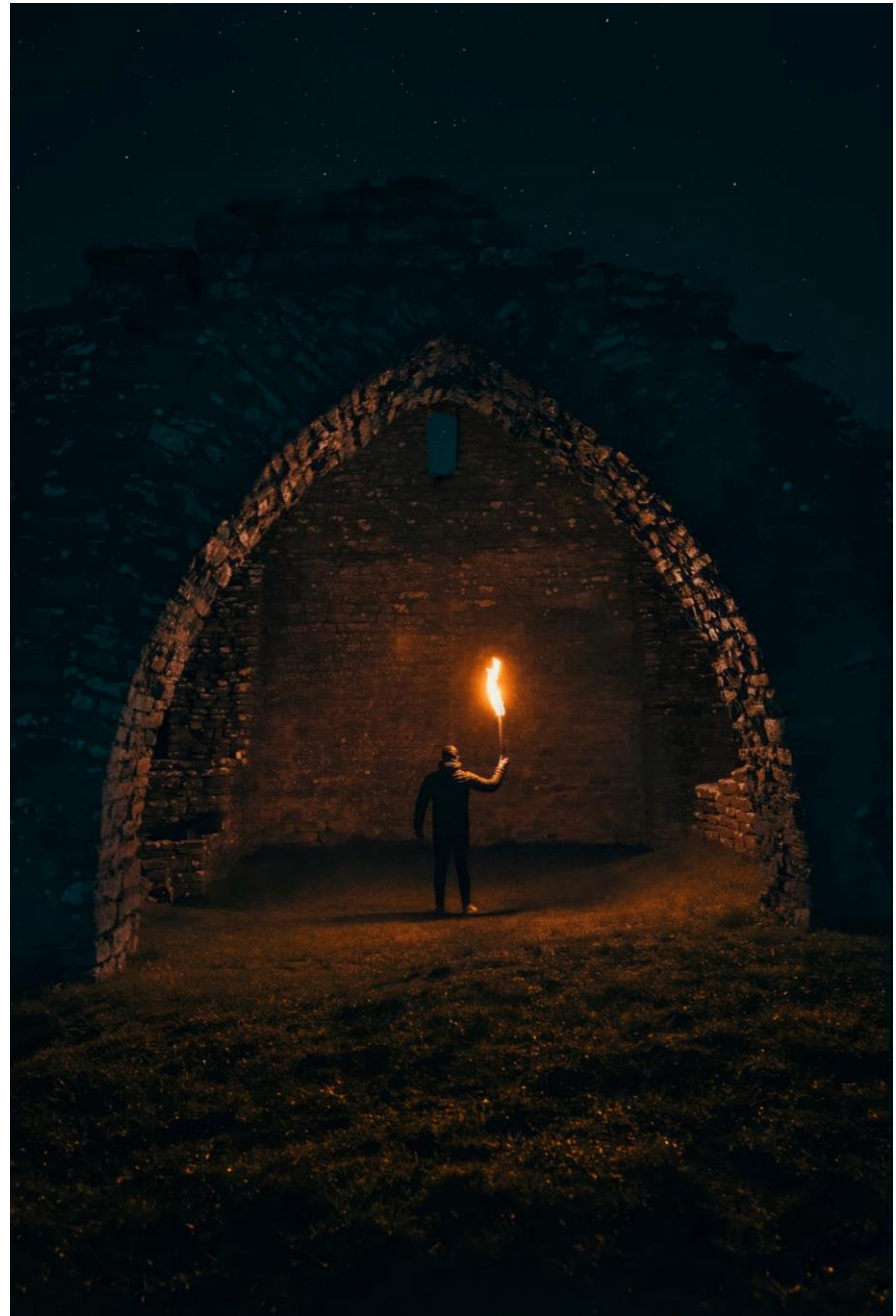
Optional first sentence:

It was the day before yesterday, and everything changed.

No 3

Optional first sentence:

We followed to the old ruins. I  
wish we had never gone.



## Your character

Is it you?

Is it someone else – real or  
imagined?

What's their name?



## The story

What's happening at the beginning?

Who else is there?

What's the problem?

What can they do to sort it out?

How does it end?





## What makes a story interesting?

Make the reader curious from the beginning

Keep the action moving

Speech plus description

Problems to overcome

Use all your senses

Don't explain too much