

Your story in three sentences plot

It is helpful to do the 'what if' activity before doing this one.

To narrow your story to just the basics, take your ideas- all of the 'what ifs'- and sum them up in three simple sentences to plan your beginning, middle and end. Here are two examples:

- Cinderella
 - Cinderella wants to go to the ball, but her stepmother won't let her.
 - She goes anyway, meets the prince and loses her shoe.
 - The prince finds her and returns the shoe.

- The pied piper
 - A man lures rats away from the village.
 - The village people don't pay him what he promised.
 - He steals the village's children.

Write three sentences that summarise the action of your story to remind you of your story's structure. You will need to think about how to fill in the details from the first sentence to the second and from the second to the third but you will have the pillar of your story in place.