

# Choose Your Own Adventure

## Overview:

In this lesson, students will review a story that requires the reader to make choices that affect the outcome of the story. Afterwards, the students will create their own Choose Your Own Adventure story. Students will put the story into presentation software, or use the paper template. When completed, students will present the story to the class. The length requirements of the story can vary. Depending on student ability, you may want to increase the number of slides/pages required. To do this for the presentation software, simply duplicate the slides in the template as necessary. For paper/pencil simply copy enough page 2s for the students to fulfill your requirements.

## Introduction:

Introduce the idea of choose your own adventure stories by presenting [The Magic Forest](#). Read the story to the students or have students take turns reading aloud. When presented with choices, have the class come to a consensus on what choice to make. If necessary, make alternative choices until the characters survive the story. When the students have to make a different choice because they didn't survive, point out that the story for the new choice is completely different from the previous choice. Give the students a copy of the instructions and review for understanding.

[Student Pencil Paper Instructions](#)

[Student PowerPoint Instructions](#)

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## Student Instructions (Paper/Pencil Instructions)

For this assignment you will be creating your own Choose Your Own Adventure story similar to The Magical Forest. The subject of the story is up to you, but there are several rules you have to follow. Read all the instructions carefully before you begin.

### Rules:

1. Point of View
  - a. The story has to be written in 2<sup>nd</sup> person point of view.
    - i. The main character is referred to as “you” by the narrator
    - ii. In dialogue, the other characters refer to the main character by name
2. Present tense
  - a. The story has to be written in present tense
3. Paragraphs
  - a. Each page must contain at least 2 paragraphs
  - b. 3 pages must contain dialogue

### Structure

1. Cut and trim each sheet along the dotted lines.
2. Staple the half sheets together on the left
  - a. Make sure the “Overview” sheet is first
3. Write the page numbers at the bottom of each page
4. Page 1: Cover Picture and Overview (do this last)
  - a. Write the title and draw a picture in the box
  - b. Write a overview of the story in the space under “Overview:”
5. Page 2: Beginning of story and three choices
  - a. Write the beginning of the story in the big box
  - b. List one choice per small box
    - i. 2 choices should lead to the character(s) not surviving
    - ii. 1 choice will lead to a continuation of the story
6. Page 3 through 9

**Note: You DO NOT have to do these steps in this order. For example, the page for step A does not have to be page 3. It can be page 9. Just make sure that choice tells readers to turn to page 9. It is best if the steps are not done in order.**

- a. Story ends from page 2
  - i. Write story in large box
  - ii. Write “Try Again” in all little boxes
  - iii. Write Turn to page 2 next to “Turn to page”
- b. Story ends from page 2 (different than a)
  - i. Write story in large box
  - ii. Write “Try Again” in all little boxes
  - iii. Write Turn to page 2 next to “Turn to page”
- c. Story continues from page 2 with three new choices
  - i. Write story in large box
  - ii. List one choice for each little box

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- d. Story ends from c
    - i. Write story in large box
    - ii. Write "Try Again" in all little boxes
  - e. Story ends from c (different than d)
    - i. Write story in large box
    - ii. Write "Try Again" in all little boxes
  - f. Story ends with characters surviving
    - i. Write story in large box
    - ii. Write "You Survived" in all little boxes
7. Turn to page....
- a. Go back and tell the reader which pages to turn
    - i. Write the page number next "Turn to page" for the choices readers make
    - ii. Do this for the "Try Again" endings

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### Rules:

1. Point of View
  - a. The story has to be written in 2<sup>nd</sup> person point of view.
    - i. The main character is referred to as “you” by the narrator
    - ii. In dialogue, the other characters refer to the main character by name
2. Present tense
  - a. The story has to be written in present tense
3. Paragraphs
  - a. Each slide must contain at least 2 paragraphs
  - b. 3 slides must contain dialogue

### Structure:

1. Slide 1: Title and Picture (do this last)
2. Slide 2: Overview (do this last)
3. 7 Story Page/Slides
  - a. Part 1
    - i. Slide 3: Beginning of story and three choices are given (See step 4)
    - ii. Slide 4: Story continues from slide 3, but dead ends (Try Again)
    - iii. Slide 5: Story continues from slide 3, but dead ends differently than slide 4 (Try Again)
    - iv. Slide 6: Story continues with three more choices are given (See step 4)
  - b. Part 2
    - i. Slide 7: Story continues from slide 6, but dead ends (Try Again)
    - ii. Slide 8: Story continues from slide 6, but dead ends differently than slide 7 (Try Again)
    - iii. Slide 9: Story continues from slide 6 and characters survive
  - c. Choices (Slides 1 and 6)
    - i. Select 3 actions the reader can do
    - ii. 2 choices have to lead to the character not surviving
    - iii. 1 choice leads to the reader surviving
    - iv. Order the choices however you wish
      - Choices do not have to be in the same order as the slides
    - v. Create a “Go Back” hyperlink to go back to the previous slide.
4. Link Choices, Try Again, and Go Back
  - a. Choices, Try Again, and Go Back need to be hyperlinked to their corresponding slide
    - i. Highlight each choice, Try Again, or Go Back
    - ii. Right Click
    - iii. Click “hyperlink”
    - iv. Click “place in this document” under “Link to”
    - v. Select desired slide
    - vi. Click “o.k.”

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5. Hide Choices and Try Again

**When you are presenting the story, you do not want the reader to know if they've died or survived before they've finished reading. By adding animation to the text box, the text box is not shown until a mouse click, space bar, or arrow keys is pressed.**

- a. Select the text box containing "Try Again" or list of choices
  - i. The box should be a solid line
- b. Click on the Animation tab
- c. Click "Custom Animation"
- d. Click "Add Effect"
- e. Mouse over "Entrance"
- f. Choose your desired animation
  - i. Click on "More Effects" to see all options
- g. Add animation to all "Try Again" and choice lists

6. Turn off "advance slide on mouse click"

**To avoid accidentally advancing forward a slide when making a selection, students should turn of the option to advance to the next slide on mouse click**

- a) Do not do this for the Title or Overview slide
- b) Choose slides you want to remove this feature
- c) Click on the Animation tab
- d) In the upper right hand corner uncheck "on mouse click"