

Rob Lloyd Jones's Six Story Challenges

Rob Lloyd Jones is the award winning children's author of over 80 books, including the *Wild Boy* and *Jake Atlas* adventure novels for Walker Books and the best-selling *See inside* and *Look inside* books for Usborne Publishing.

Here he shares six story-telling tips, and sets six simple challenges to help you write your own amazing story.



CHALLENGE 2 – FAVOURITE CHARACTERS

Hello everyone,

I hope you enjoyed your first challenge, thinking about why you love your favourite story, and how that story makes you feel. Now that you know how stories can make you feel things, I want to think a bit more about the characters in your favourite stories.

So, your next challenge is to think of your favourite character in any story and describe that character in a few sentences. It doesn't have to be a hero – it could be a villain, or just a minor character that you particularly remember.

Really think about why you like that character. Don't write too much about the character's clothes and appearance. Actually, that's not very interesting. I bet the reason you like them isn't because of what they wear. I suspect it's because of how they ACT and BEHAVE, and what sort of person they are. Do you find them funny, determined, a risk-taker, or even scary?

Have fun thinking about your favourite characters. For the next challenge, we'll begin to create characters of our own.

Happy writing!

Rob Lloyd Jones

Here are some books Rob wrote using these tips. His 'Wild Boy' novels are perfect for anyone studying the Victorian times, while the 'Jake Atlas' adventures are ideal for topics on the ancient world. They're also great stories! Find out more at www.robloydjones.com

