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# Story Planner

**Directions:** Read the play *Beware the Thunder* and the informational text "What If You Fell Asleep for 20 Years?" Then jot down ideas to answer the questions below. Your ideas will help you plan the story you will write in response to the writing prompt from page 16. Don't forget to enter your story in the contest!

## Writing Contest

**Write a story about someone who falls asleep and wakes up 20 years from now. Use the play and the informational text to help you come up with your plot. Your story can be in the form of a play, video, or short story. Group entries accepted.**

**1.** Describe the protagonist, or main character, of your story. Include the character's name as well as information about his or her age, appearance, personality, and background.

**2.** Describe the circumstances under which your protagonist falls asleep for 20 years. In the play, Rip falls asleep after drinking the Odd Fellows' beverage. What happens to your character?

**3.** Where is your character when he or she wakes up? Who are the first people your character sees?

**4.** Of the seven changes predicted on page 16, choose at least three to work into your story. Which ones will you use?

**5.** How does your character find out about the changes that have taken place in his or her world?

**6.** How does your character react to the changes that he or she finds? For example, is your character frightened? Thrilled? Not surprised? Horrified?