



## The Young Mathematical Story Author (YMSA) Competition Suggested Mathematical Story Picture Book Template

We hope you will have fun creating your mathematical story picture book, and we very much look forward to reading your story!

The story structure found in this template is only one of many possible structures. Stories that do not follow this suggested story structure will still be considered.

If needed, your Maths teacher or your parents should be able to help you use this template. Anything highlighted in yellow should be deleted in your final draft.

### Judging Criteria

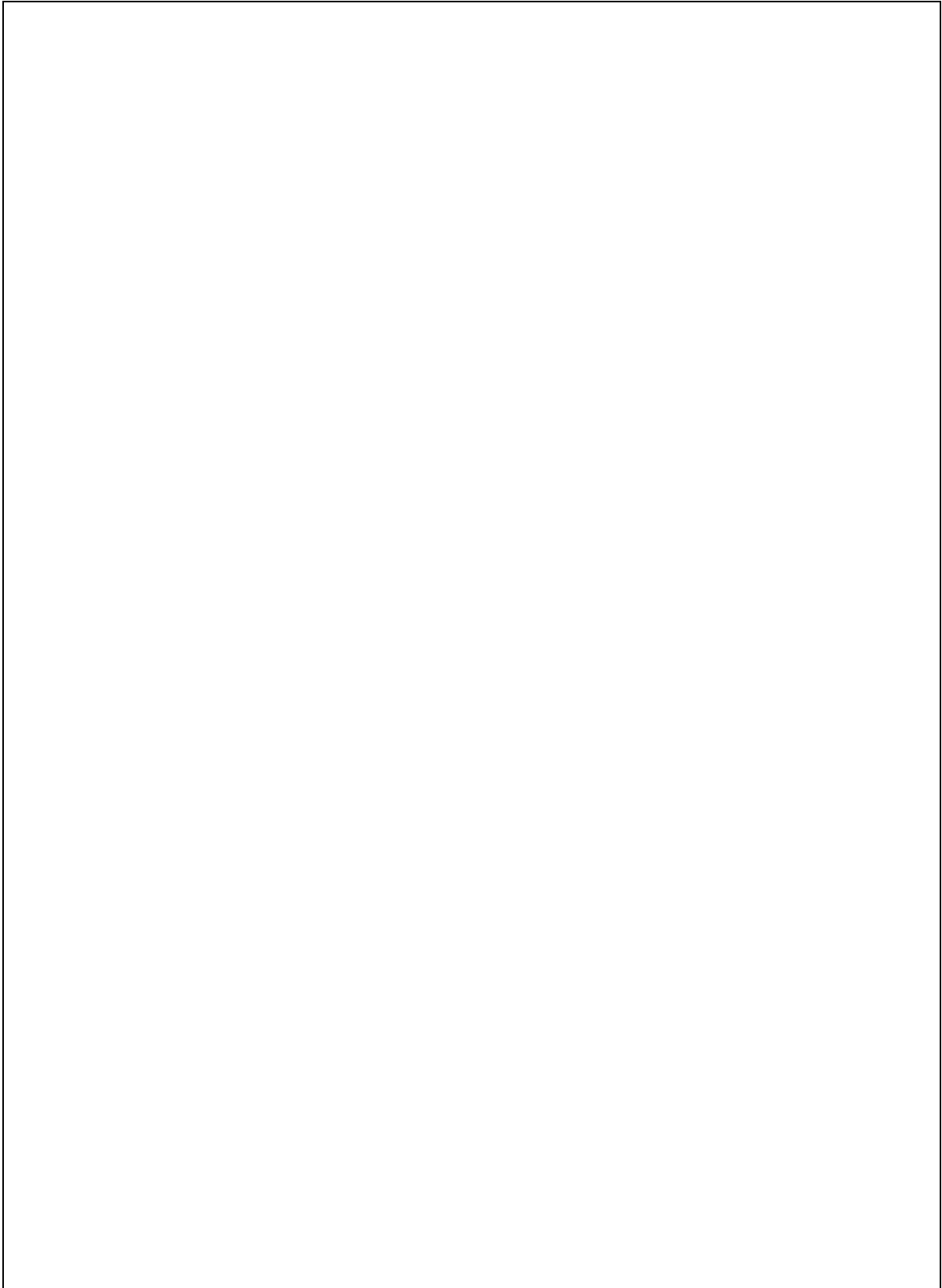
- Ability to explain the chosen mathematical concept in the story clearly without assuming readers' knowledge of the concept
- Ability to embed the chosen mathematical concept in a meaningful context
- Ability to show how characters' knowledge of the chosen mathematical concept can help them solve a problem(s)
- Ability to represent the chosen mathematical concept *contextually* (in words), *visually* (via page illustrations showing the mathematical problem-solving process), and *symbolically* (via using correct mathematical symbols, notations and language)
- Accuracy of mathematical concepts presented in the story
- Ability to come up with an engaging and original story
- Gender and ethnicity balance in characters
- Overall presentation and standard of writing (e.g., quality of illustrations, the use of punctuation, spelling, etc.)

Please note that only '**individual**' entries are currently possible (i.e. one student/author per story). 'Team' entry is not possible at this stage.

For more details of the competition, visit  
<https://www.mathsthroughstories.org/competitions.html>

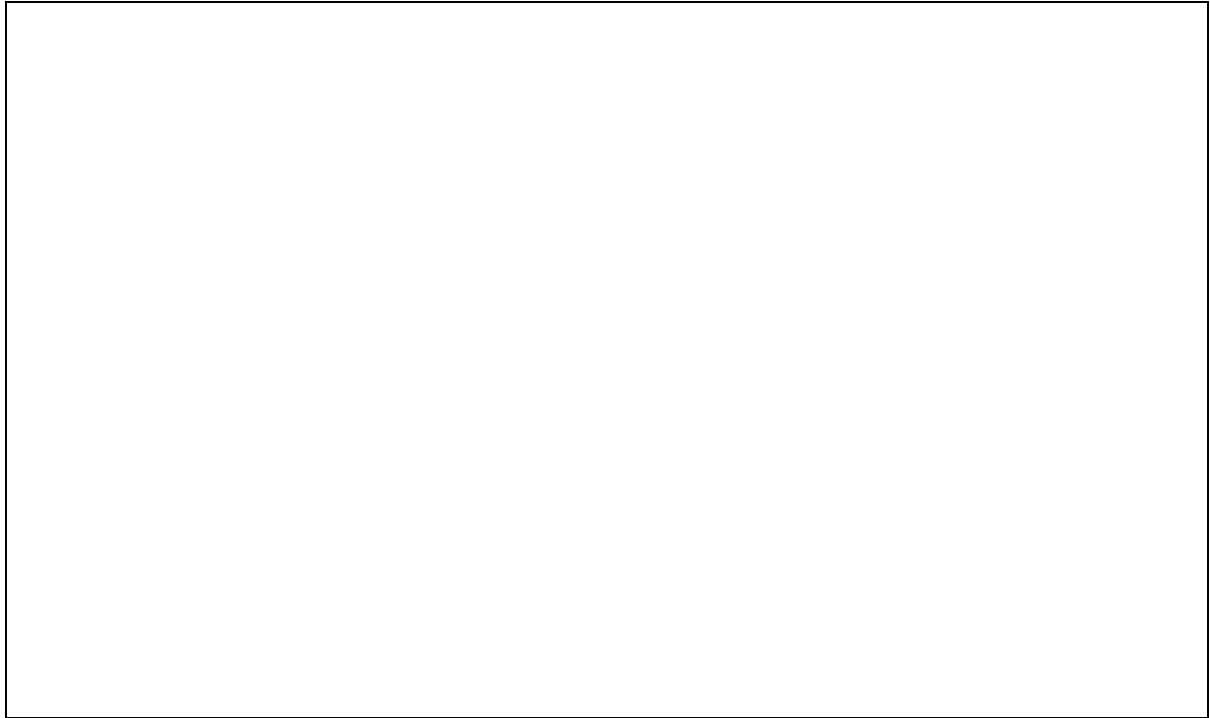
## FRONT COVER

On this front cover, include your front cover illustration, your story's title, your names and your school's name in the provided space below.

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## SETTING THE SCENE AND INTRODUCING THE CHARACTER(S)

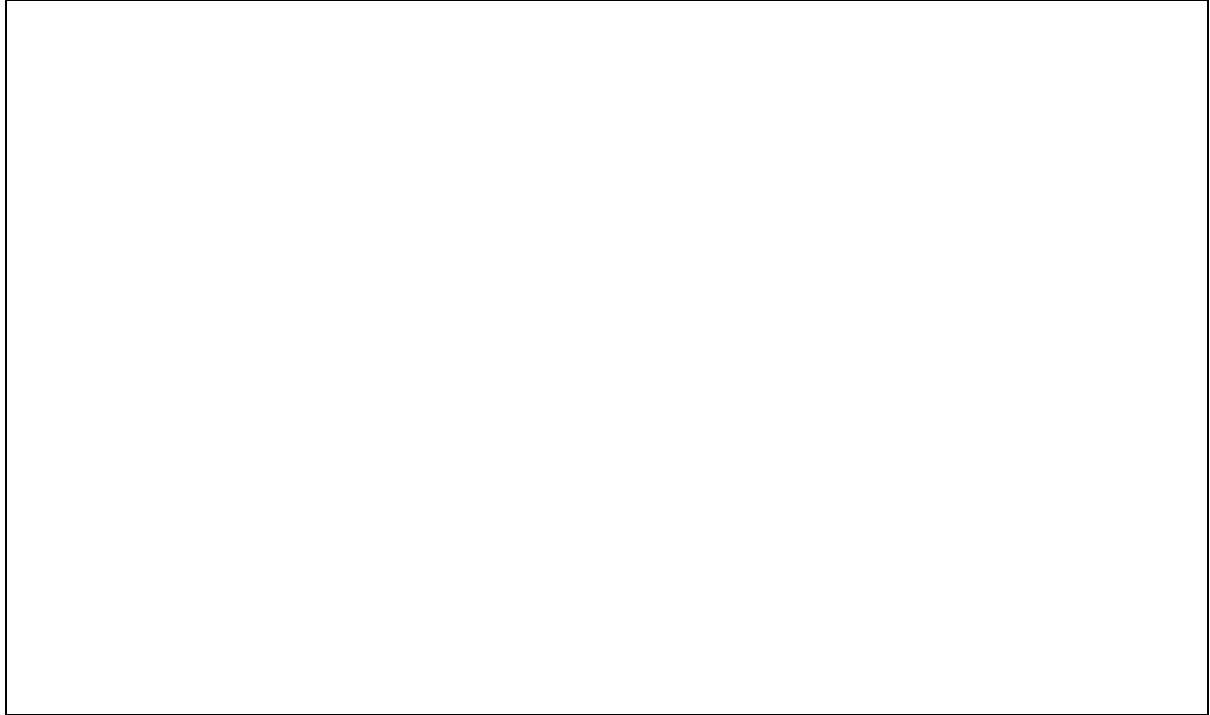
The focus of Page 1 should be on setting the scene and introducing your character(s). Your story can be written in any sub-genre of fiction (e.g. fantasy, detective, thrillers, action, mystery/adventure, ghost story, humour, science fiction, fairy/magical tale, myths or legends, etc.). The choice is yours! Include your illustration in the box below.



*Include your text in the space below the box here. (The text can be either written up neatly or typed up.)*

## INTRODUCING A MEANINGFUL PROBLEM

The focus of Page 2 should be on introducing a meaningful problem to be solved. Include your illustration in the box below.



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## SOLVING THE PROBLEM MATHEMATICALLY

The focus of Page 3 should be on showing to your readers how your character(s) use their knowledge of your chosen mathematical concept to help them solve the problem (Your chosen mathematical concept should be what you study this academic year.)

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**SOLVING THE PROBLEM MATHEMATICALLY  
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Continue your story on this page and the following pages in words, illustrations and visual models through a variety of mathematical situations that support your story. Your story should focus on one key mathematical concept throughout the story.

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## ENDING

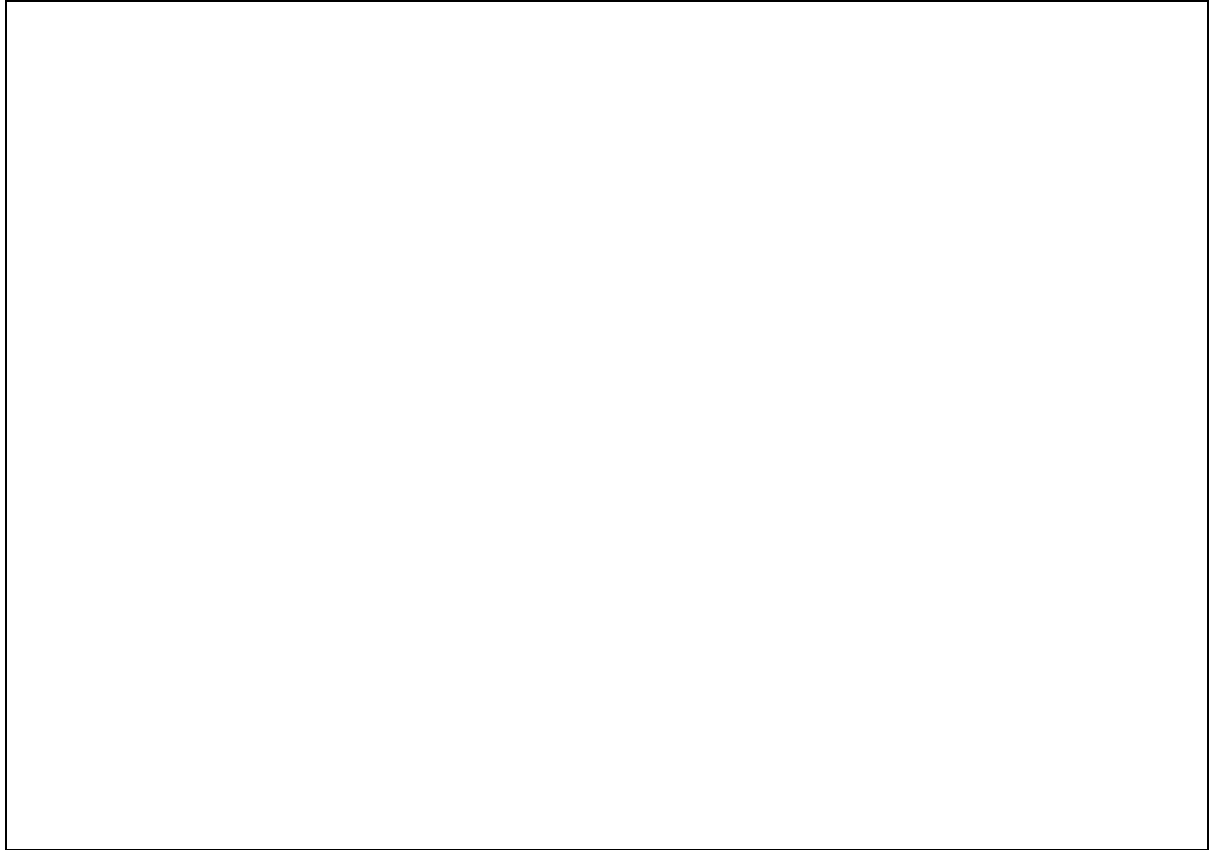
The focus of this page should be on bringing your story to a close.



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**ENDING (CONTINUED, IF NEEDED)**

If needed, this page could be a continuation of the previous page.

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## BACK COVER

On this back cover, include a blurb of your story in the box below. If you want, you can also decorate your back cover.

### BLURB



In the box below, include your name, your age, your school's name, the country it is located in, and say a few words about where the inspiration for you to write this mathematical story comes from. If you want, you can also include a drawing of what you look like!

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

*[You can add a drawing of yourself here]*

*[Say a few words about yourself here]*

