BRAINSTORM CAROUSEL

Narrative Possibilities

Characters

• What type of characters might be interesting to write about?

Conflict

• What type of problems might characters face?
• What type of problems might create suspense?

• Types of Conflict:
  Man vs. man
  Man vs. self
  Man vs. nature
  Man vs. society
  Man vs. technology

Setting

• How might the setting affect the characters and the problem?
• Place/Time
POSSIBILITIES

• Her metal hand clamped down on his wrist.
• All those people are alive right now – because of her.
• They’re afraid of me. I don’t blame them. I am afraid of myself, too.
• Where we’re from, there’s no sun.
• I felt something cold touch my shoulder, and I started to turn around slowly.
• No one was sorry to see him die, except me.
• The phone rings. It’s 3 a.m.
• The thing that struck me was the smell. I’ll never forget that.
• Write about the knife in the floorboards.
• Do you know what it’s like to be tortured by your own mind?
• The rain was warm and heavy, falling slowly as I walked the streets.
• The stench hit her when she opened the door.
• She found a small wooden box tucked away in the attic of her recently deceased relative. When she looked inside, she was horrified by what she found.
• He didn’t know what made the sound, but it wasn’t his dog.
• The streets weren’t safe after dawn.
• He found the journal on the train.
• For years, he has carefully planned this day.
• His voice brought back memories of dark rooms and broken bones.
• He received a letter which had only two words: He’s alive.
• One by one, the fluorescent lights shuddered into darkness and I was left alone.
• Tears streamed down her face as she watched it burn.
• The silence woke her.
• List 5 things you’re afraid of happening to you.
• She picked up the ____ and instantly felt different.