

Step 1: Getting Ideas

1. Go get a book (from the series)/the book you want to write a fanfiction about.
2. Look for some of the main writing techniques the author uses, and especially their POV (AKA 1st person, 2nd person or 3rd person perspectives), if they're simple with descriptions, if they use a lot of dialogue, what genre they use, and so on.

Tip: *It's your choice to note these features down, but it would help a lot throughout your writing if you did.*

3. Check the book for the most important locations that have been used and write them down.
4. Read your notes and add anything that you think would help!

Step 2: Writing Your Plan

1. Take out something you can plan on. (could be a doc, paper, whatever it is that you want to use, and more importantly if it's easily accessible)

2. Write down your main topic for your fanfiction book or series if you want to make one. You want to make sure it fits the genre you have noticed the author uses.
3. Elaborate on the topic, write down your main character(s) and also decide on whose perspective you're going to write about.

Main Character Roles: (Must include)

- Protagonist(s)
 - Antagonist(s)
 - Sidekick(s) (Helps the protagonist)
4. Write down your main problem and your internal problem. Consider thinking about how realistic it would be, if the author uses more dramatic problems in their story, then come up with something like those.
 5. Write down a basic plan you want to build up on while writing. Start thinking from the climax and slowly build down. You could go from the start to the problem as well, it's your choice.

Tip: *Always write down any plan you have so you can revisit it at any time, it doesn't matter if you don't use it in the end, but it will help you elaborate on ideas.*

6. (OPTIONAL) If you want to have a better idea of what you want to write, or if you're a beginner on writing, you may want to consider this step. Write out more detailed ideas into your plan about the story so that when you write, you won't get stuck on what you want to write next. If you're a more experienced writer, then you might be able to think of things to write quite easily, but if you're not, the time will come someday.

Tip for beginners: *Write out the ideas you have for each chapter so it will be much easier to write the chapter.*

7. After deciding on your topic and plan for the book, start thinking of a relevant title. You want to make sure that it has an external meaning as well as an internal meaning to it. Before you start thinking, check the book and see how the author creates their titles. You need to be sure that you follow their lead on writing this book, since you are writing a fanfiction about it. For example, if the title was always 3 letters, then you need to make sure that yours is also 3 letters. If there's no limit, then go for it! Take your time

and keep thinking until you think it's perfect for your fanfiction.

Tip: *Make sure your title keeps what the book is about secret, but gives the reader a bit of an idea of the topic. Make it mysterious and hard to guess!*

Now you're ready to start writing!

Step 3: Writing Your Story

1. Take out your plan and start by checking the features that you found the author used, and apply anything the author applied at the start of the book onto your writing platform.
2. If you want the writing style the same or similar as the author, be sure to note down the vocabularies the author likes to use and the vocabularies that are special and are only related to the book.

For example: Features From Famous Series'

Warriors by Erin Hunter: (By: LordRain888 & Willowhear2008)

- Cat names' suffixes and prefixes

- Cat Roles: Leader, Deputy, Medicine cat, Apprentice, Warrior, Elder, Kit, Queen.

Prefixes:

Rain, Feather, Cloud, Willow, Moon, Sky, Snow, Leaf, Bramble, Etc.

Suffixes:

Heart, Hawk, Feather, Shine, Pelt, Tail, Fur, Cloud, Frost, Leaf, Paw (For apprentices only), Kit (For kits only), Star (For leaders only), Etc.

- Herb names
- Clan names (better related to things in the sky)
- Things only warrior cats/cats call and say: stupid furball, twoleg (Human), kittypet (House cat), monster (Car), thunderpath (Road), thundersnake (Train)
- The warrior code
- The medicine cat code remonie
- The ceremonies (for warriors, medicine cats, etc.)

Warrior ceremony example:

Leader: I, (Leader), leader of (Name)Clan, call upon my warrior ancestors to look down on this apprentice.

They have trained hard to understand the ways of your noble code, and I commend them to you as a warrior in their turn.

Leader: (Apprentice), do you promise to uphold the warrior code and to protect and defend your Clan, even at the cost of your life?

Apprentice: I do.

Leader: Then by the powers of StarClan, I give you your warrior name. (Apprentice), from this moment on you will be known as (new warrior name). StarClan honors your (virtues), and we welcome you as a full warrior of (Name)Clan.

(Credits to Warriors Wiki for the ceremony I copied over)

Percy Jackson by Rick Riordan: (By: LordRain888)

- Greek and Roman Gods/Goddesses

Main Gods:

- Lord Poseidon - Neptune: God of the sea, father of horses

- Lord Zeus - Jupiter: King of all gods, God of the sky
 - Lord Hades - Pluto: God of the Underworld and death
 - Lord Apollo - Apollo: God of the light/sun, music, archery, prophecy, (sort of healing)
 - Lady Artemis - Diana: Goddess of the hunt and animals
 - Lady Hera - Juno: Goddess of Marriage, Wife of Zeus.
 - Lady Athena - Minerva: Goddess of wisdom, war, (sort of architecture/hand crafts/weaving)
 - Lady Demeter - Ceres: Goddess of Nature, crops and harvest.
 - Lord Hephaestus - Vulcan: God of Smithing and weaponry.
 - Lord Ares - Mars: God of War
 - Lord Hermes - Mercury: God of Messenger
 - Lord Dionysus - Bacchus: God of Wine
 - Lady Aphrodite - Venus: Goddess of Love and beauty.
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- Titans (eg. Kronos, Gaea, etc.)

- Mythical Creatures:
 - Pegasi (eg. Blackjack)
 - Medusa
 - Cyclops (eg. Tyson)
 - Harpies (eg. Ella)
 - Monsters
 - Cerberus
 - Hydra
 - Satyr (eg. Grover)
 - Centaur (eg. Chiron)
 - Etc.

- Tartarus/The Underworld
- Dangerous Quests

- **Vow to River Styx:**

I swear on the River Styx (what they will do).

If the vow is broken, they will receive torment and severe punishments.

- Quests are usually based off of a god/goddess
- Camp Half-Blood (Has invisible barrier so it's safe from monsters)
- Demigods

- Demigods can't have phones since it'll attract monsters
- Lots of character progression (from hating each other to becoming friends to becoming boyfriend girlfriend ect.)
- Lots of plot twists
- Different gods' children has different powers (eg. Percy controls water and can talk to horses, Annabeth is very intelligent and good at battle)

Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling: (By: Willowheart2008)

- Common/Known spells
 - Accio: Summons objects (e.g. Accio feather)
 - Alohomora: Opens locked doors that have not been casted magic
 - Avada Kedavra: Kills the target (One of three Unforgivable Curses)
 - Crucio: Causes unbearable pain to the target (One of three Unforgivable Curses)
 - Diffindo: Cuts the target into precise pieces
 - Disapparate: Teleports the wizard/witch into another place he/she wants

Episkey: Heal minor injuries

Expecto patronum: Summons a powerful patronus that is an animal according to the caster's personality that can fight the Dementors that brings sadness and fear with happiness (Most of the Death Eaters cannot cast it)

Expelliarmus: Force the target to drop whatever thing in his/her possession

Impero: Controls the target (One of the three Unforgivable targets)

Impervius: Makes the target waterproof

Incendo: Conjures flames/fire

Langlock: Causes the target's tongue to stick to the roof of their mouth, basically forces the target not to talk

Lumos: Conjures light on top of the caster's wand

Nox: Extinguishes the light on top of the caster's wand (The opposite spell of Lumos)

Obliviate: Erases the target's memory

Petrificus Totalus: Temporarily petrifies the target

Protego: Casts an invisible shield that can protect the caster from any spells except Avada Kedavra

Reparo: Fixes broken objects

Riddikulus: Defeats a Boggart and makes the caster's scariest thing funny

Scourgify: Cleans the target

Silencio: Silences the target

Sonorus: Amplifies the caster's voice

Stupefy: Stuns the target, making him/her unconscious

Unbreakable vow: The person who breaks the vow will die

Wingardium Leviosa: Causes an object to float and it goes where the caster's wand is pointing, the 'gar' should be pronounced nice and long

- Houses

Gryffindor: bravery

Hufflepuff: kindness

Ravenclaw: wisdom

Slytherin: ambition

3. Start by writing your first chapter, or if the author adds anything different like a prologue, start by writing that. Remember to revisit your plan whenever you feel stuck. If you aren't that familiar with the book you're writing fanfiction about, always have the book next to you so that you can search for phrases that characters usually use and apply that into your story. (You don't need to worry about the word count, just see how much you can write and try to make each chapter around the amount)

Tip: *Don't change the characters' personalities, leave them like they are in the book(s) unless you created the characters from scratch.*

4. After you feel that your first chapter is going as you wanted, keep going on with the rest of your book! Have your plan beside you so you can use your guideline in your plan when you get a bit out of ideas. Leave a bit of mystery for yourself as well, it will feel like an adventure as you write!

Tip: *Make sure the perspective that you are writing does not appear to others' point of view if you are doing first person perspective.*

Step 4: Editing

1. Read your book from the top once, and while reading check for any changes you might like, and see if there's anything you're not satisfied about. You'll see a lot of things you're unsatisfied about, and that's going to be normal, since you wrote it a while ago.
2. Read over again and edit (Several times will be better), I know it's going to be frustrating, but it'll help you make your story much better.
3. When you notice a word has been used over and over again, you may change it to a synonym which would make the paragraph/phrase sound better and not repeated.

Writing Techniques:

- Hook
- Cliffhanger
- Description
- Show not tell
- Dialogue

- Foreshadowing

Step 5: Writing a Book Description (Optional)

1. Start by summarizing your book but never tell the readers what happened in the end. Basically means add what the main problem is but not the solution to it. Leave a question at the end of the description to leave the readers interested. Eg: What will happen next? Read to find out!
2. Read your description once and see if it hooks you when you read it. If it doesn't, change it until it satisfies you.

Now you're done!