

Alphabet Soup Story

Writing Exercise

The challenge for this writing assignment is to create variety without sounding hackneyed. The directions are simple enough, take each letter of the alphabet and use it to begin the first word of a sentence. Each succeeding sentence contains the next letter. Your story has 26 total sentences. That's it, Alphabet Soup.

The tricky part is to create a fluid story without having your sentences sound forced or thrown into the mix simply to meet the requirement. As a help, try writing a story which follows along with the hero cycle. Rather than tackle the entire cycle, try focusing on one section or portion of the story. Good luck!

Joseph Campbell's Stages of the Hero's Journey

Departure

- The Call to Adventure
- Refusal of the Call
- Meeting the Mentor
- Crossing the First Threshold
- Belly of the Whale

Initiation

- The Road of Trials
- The Meeting with the Goddess
- The Woman As Temptress
- Atonement with the Father/Abyss
- Apotheosis
- The Ultimate Boon

Return

- Refusal of the Return
- The Magic Flight
- Rescue from Without
- The Crossing of the Return Threshold
- Master of Two Worlds
- Freedom to Live

