

Writers Collect Story Writing Ideas as they Read:

Use two pages of a notebook for each heading listed below. As you read, record story ideas under the matching heading for use in your own story writing. These ideas can be used later with other characters in different settings to create new stories.

- *Motives (what characters want or need)
- *Encounters (interesting ways two characters meet)
- *Different ways motive can be blocked to create story problems:
 - *Tricks
 - *Disasters
 - *Acts of god (weather, magic, miracles)
 - *Use of force (physical or political)
- *Ways story problems are resolved
- *Strong verbs to improve your vocabulary

