

ENCOURAGE KIDS TO WRITE THEIR OWN NUTCRACKER STORIES

Here are 10 prompts to inspire kids to write their own short stories based on *The Nutcracker* characters or to imagine what happens after the ballet ends.

CLARA'S NEXT ADVENTURE:

Imagine Clara wakes up the next Christmas Eve to find another magical gift from Drosselmeyer. What is the new gift, and what magical adventure does it take her on?



CLARA'S MAGICAL FRIEND:

Clara makes a new magical friend who has the power to travel to different realms. Describe their adventures together in one of these realms.



CLARA'S NEW ROLE: The Sugar Plum Fairy invites Clara to stay in the Land of Sweets and become a fairy herself. What responsibilities does Clara have, and what magical powers does she gain?

THE SUGAR PLUM FAIRY'S

REQUEST: The Sugar Plum Fairy sends an urgent message to Clara and the Nutcracker Prince asking for their help. What problem needs solving, and how do they help her?



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A SUGAR PLUM FAIRY: Write a story about what a typical day is like for the Sugar Plum Fairy in the Land of Sweets. What challenges does she face, and how does she maintain the kingdom?



THE NUTCRACKER'S

TRANSFORMATION: Imagine the Nutcracker Prince starts turning back into a wooden doll. What causes this transformation, and how can Clara and her friends reverse it?

THE NUTCRACKER'S SECRET:

Write a story where the Nutcracker Prince reveals a secret to Clara about his past. What is the secret, and how does Marie help him?

THE MOUSE KING'S

REVENGE: The Mouse King's brother seeks revenge on Clara and the Nutcracker Prince. What is his plan, and how do they stop him?

A NEW VILLAIN: After defeating the Mouse King, a new villain emerges in the Land of Sweets. Who is this new antagonist, and how do Clara and the Nutcracker Prince defeat them?

RETURN TO THE LAND OF SWEETS: Clara and the Nutcracker Prince return to the Land of Sweets, but this time something is wrong. What has changed, and how do they work together to restore harmony?