Guiding Questions for Narrative Writing

Discuss some of the guiding questions in each category below with the other members of your group to generate ideas for your story. Take down some notes on the questions you discuss. After the discussion, write a few paragraphs about the characters, setting and plot of your story.

1. Characters
   - Who is the main character of your story?
   - Where is this person from?
   - How old is this person?
   - What does this person look like?
   - What are this person’s family members like?
   - What are this person’s friends like?
   - What is unique about this person’s character? What makes this person happy? Angry? Sad? Surprised? Excited?
   - Who are some of the other characters in the story?

2. Setting
   - When does the story take place?
   - Where does the story take place?
   - What does the place look like?
   - Why does the story take place here?
   - Does the setting change in the story? If so, what are some of the other times and places in the story?

3. Plot
   - What problem or conflict does the main character experience?
   - What does the main character (or other characters) do to cause the problem?
   - What does the main character (or other characters) do to resolve the problem?
   - How are the characters affected by the incident or the experience?
   - How does the main character change in the end?