Rationale:

This resource contains printables for writers to practice developing problems and solutions in their writing, including:

1. Creating Problems and Solutions: The World
2. Creating Problems and Solutions: People
3. One Big Problem
4. Characters and Problems
5. Many Small Problems
6. Struggling to Solve a Problem
7. Problems and Change
8. Unsolved Problems
9. Problems and Solutions
10. Problems between Characters
11. Problems between Groups of People
12. Personal Problems
13. Clues about Problems
14. Satisfying Solutions
15. Author's opinions About Problem and Solution

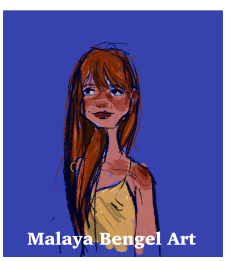
These pages are great for big kids to practice thinking more deeply about the problems and solutions in their writing.

The printable pages in this resource can be used in several ways, including:

- As daily morning work to review writing work skills
- During guided writing small groups
- During independent writing time or centers
- To work with partners and small groups
- As an assessment for teachers to monitor students' writing abilities
- As homework review sheets
- As a quick and fun 10 minute time filler.
- As 'when you're finished' additional work for students
- To use with substitute teachers

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Authors Opinions About Problem and Solution

"Creating Problems and Solutions: The World"

Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

Writers sometimes use real-life events in the world as ideas for writing their own story with problems and solutions. Describe some of the current problems and possible solutions in the world. Then create a list of problem/solution ideas based off those events.

Problems in the world...

Solutions...

Story Problem Ideas...



Challenge: Circle one of the story problem ideas and solutions you l
write more about your problem and idea. Share your work with a pa

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"One Big Problem"

Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

Writers know that for a story to entertain readers it needs at least one big problem. Describe your story idea below. Then make a list of ideas for big problems that might happen in the story. Finally, circle your favorite and write more about it.

Story Idea:

"Characters and Problems"

Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

Writers create interesting characters so that they can develop problems for them to face in a story. Describe two of your main characters below. Then make a list of problems each character might face. Finally, circle one problem from each list and write more about them below.

Character Description:	Problem Ideas:



Character Description:	Problem Ideas:

Problem One:	Problem Two:



Challenge: On the back of this page, describe different ways each problem could be solved. Then choose your favorite and write more about it.

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"Unsolved Problems"

Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

Writers sometimes end a story with an unsolved problem. They leave the solution up to the readers to decide. Answer the questions below about unsolved problems. Then make a list of problems that you are considering leaving unsolved for your readers.

- **As a reader, how do you feel when a problem is left unsolved in a story? Explain.**

- **List the reasons why writers leave problems unsolved in a story.**

- **What else are you thinking about unsolved p**

Problems I May Le

Challenge: On the back of this page, give your opinion about uns or why not?

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"Personal Problems"

Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

Writers sometimes create problems for one character to have alone. That character might not like something about himself/herself. Describe two different characters below. Then make a list of problems and solutions that each characters might face all on his/her own.

Character:	Possible Problems:	Possible Solutions:

	Possible Problems:	Possible Solutions:

s solution for each character. Write more of your ideas on the back of this page.

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"Clues about Problems"

Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

Writers often leave clues for readers to think about how problems in a story will be solved. List the main problems and solutions from the story you are writing. Then brainstorm some ways you can leave clues about how you plan to solve the problems.

Main Problems:

Main Solutions:

Clue Ideas:



Challenge: Circle three of your ideas for leaving clues. Then write more details about each idea on the back of this page. Share your writing with a partner.

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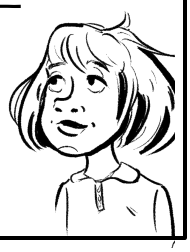
Problems in the world...

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SAMPLE

Solutions...

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Story Problem Ideas...

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Solutions...

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Challenge: Circle one of the story problem ideas and solutions you like best from above. On the back of this page, write more about your problem and idea. Share your work with a partner.

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