

# Historical Short Story Checklist

If you're going to write a historical story, you first need to choose a time and place. Because this is a historical story, you want the history to be right. It doesn't need to be perfect, but you don't want Julius Caesar eating chocolate or Frederick Douglass watching television. You may do research before you write, or you can do it when you're rewriting, or even both. What you have to research will depend on your story, but here is a checklist of some common things.



- \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of events
- \_\_\_\_\_ Correct spelling of place names
- \_\_\_\_\_ Correct spelling of people's names
- \_\_\_\_\_ Biographical details of your historical people
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clothing (fabrics, colors, decorations)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Food and drink
- \_\_\_\_\_ Language (including slang)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Homes
- \_\_\_\_\_ Religious practices
- \_\_\_\_\_ Animals (what animals lived there, what were people's relationships with animals)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Plants (what plants were there, how did people use them)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Professions
- \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Money
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hobbies