Creating a Protagonist and an Antagonist

Before you begin your short story it's good to create some of your characters. The protagonist is your main character. The antagonist is a character who works against your main character, trying to prevent them from getting what they want. Use these ideas to bring your main character and antagonist to life before you start writing the story. You can always tweak the characters as you write.

Protagonist

Character name: _____

Gender: _____   Age: _____

Physical description: _____

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Personality: _____

Brief backstory*: _____

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Wants: _____

Conflicts: _____

Problem: _____

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*Backstory means things that happened to your character before the story begins that might affect the story, even if they're not mentioned. For example, information about the character's family, their education, their profession, etc.

Antagonist

Character name: _____

Gender: _____ Age: _____

Physical description: _____

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Personality: _____

Brief backstory*: _____

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Wants: _____

Conflicts: _____

Problem: _____

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Protagonists and antagonists from *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* in Lightning Lit & Comp Grade 6.