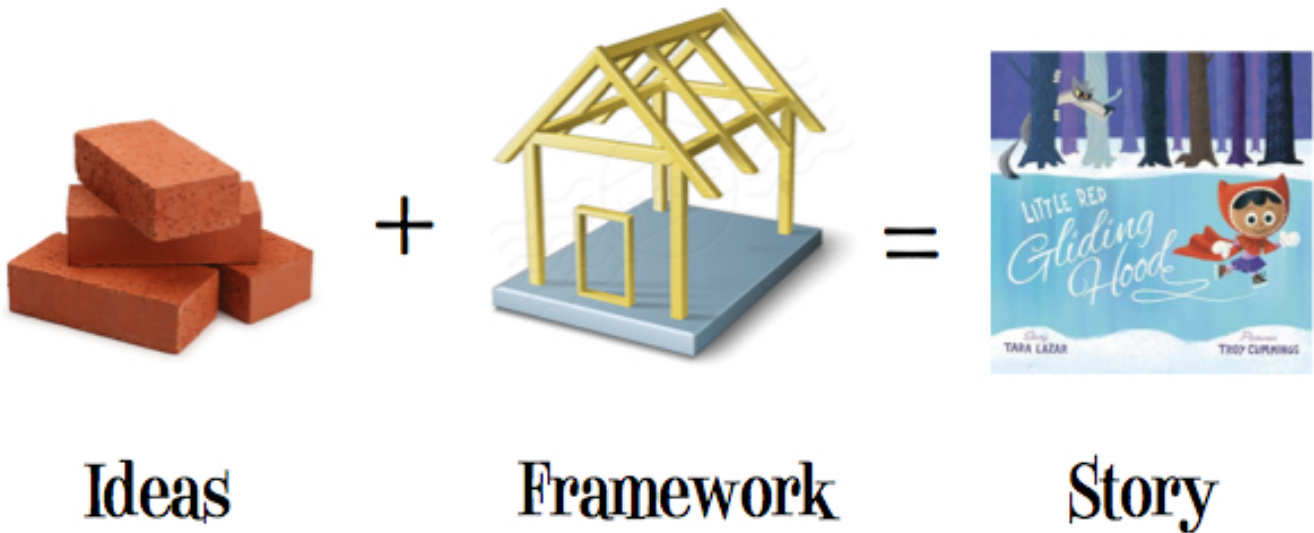


What is Story Structure?

If story ideas are bricks, then the story structure is your foundation and framework. The story structure helps shape your story.



There is a traditional story structure...



...and then there are many other common structures for a story...

- **Concept:** *The Quiet Book, Wherever You Go, Is Your Buffalo Ready for Kindergarten?*
- **Circular:** *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, When a Dragon Moves In*
- **Cumulative:** *There Was an Old Dragon Who Swallowed a Knight, The House in the Night*
- **Mirror:** *Boy + Bot, A Sick Day for Amos McGee*
- **Parallel:** *The Dog Who Belonged to No One, Blueberries for Sal*
- **Reversal:** *Children Make Terrible Pets, Little Pea*
- **Meta:** *I Thought This Was a Bear Book, Warning: Do Not Open This Book!*
- **How To:** *So You Want to Be a Rock Star, How to Babysit a Grandpa/Grandma*
- **Fractured Fairy Tales:** *The Three Ninja Pigs, Little Red Gliding Hood*

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