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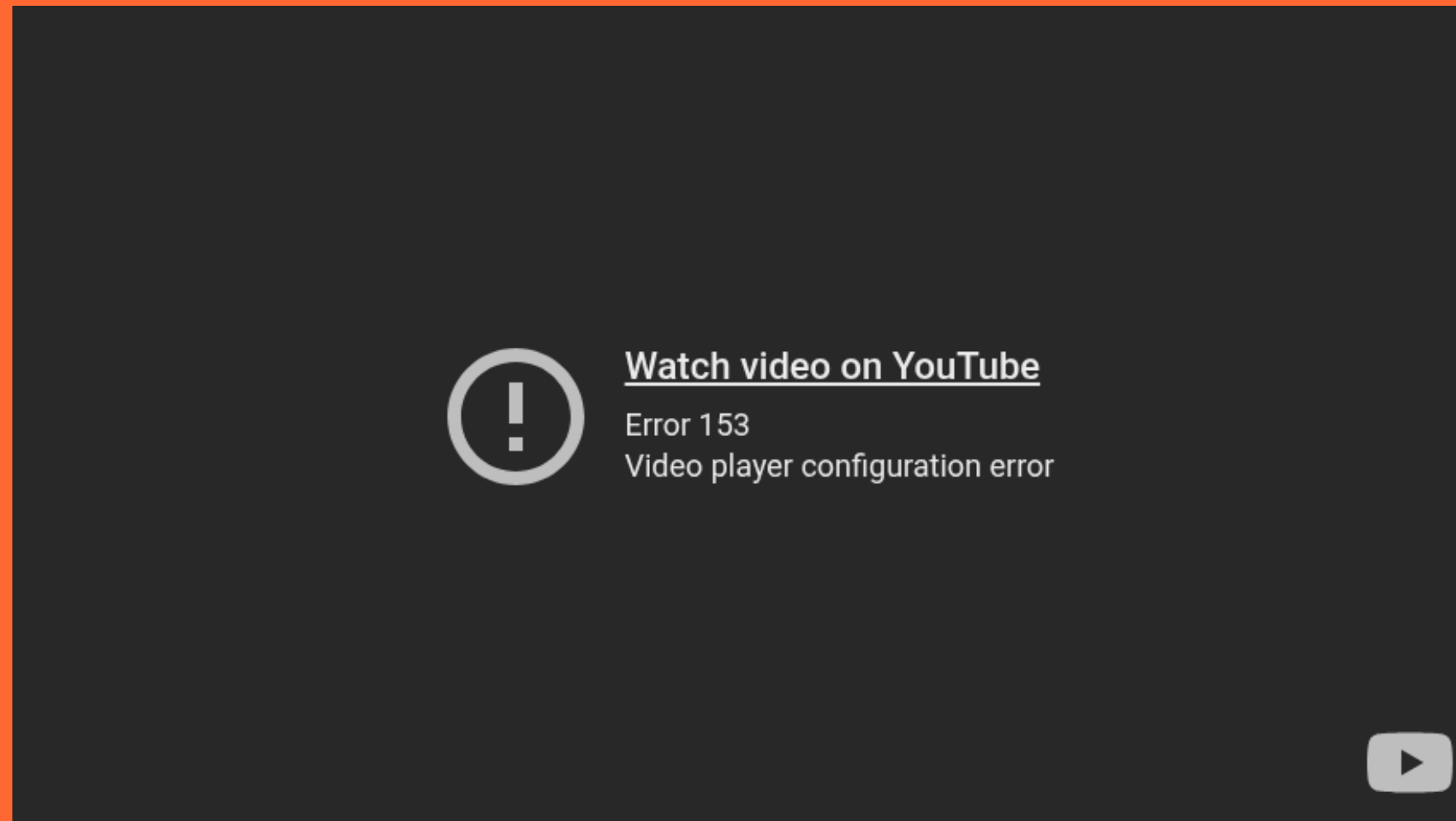
# Christmas

# Wishes

## Writing Project

Plan, write, publish your story in Build My Story

# Mini-Lesson



While you watch...

- Pick your character
- Choose your setting
- Plan one magical adventure

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# Christmas Magic

Turn to the person sitting next to you and tell them

- Your main character and holiday setting
- One generous wish or problem



You get 2 minutes

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# Session 1

Brainstorm and Plan your story



# Learning Objectives

- ☐ I can think of 3+ ideas and pick my best one.
- ☐ I can sort my ideas in the boxes to make a plan.
- ☐ I can listen to a partner and add one helpful suggestion.

# Choose a prompt


- Your teacher will hand out the Prompt Sheet
- Pick one idea or write your own
- Cut it out and glue on your Brainstorm sheet (or write your choice at the top)
- Keep it simple and clear

Christmas Gratitude		
<u>Warm Cocoa Gift</u> You share your last cocoa packet with a friend who forgot theirs. What happens next?	<u>Snowy Surprise Visit</u> You knock on a neighbor's door with cookies and find a special surprise waiting.	<u>Secret Helper</u> You quietly fix something broken in your classroom. Who notices your kindness?
<u>Lost Scarf</u> You find a scarf on the playground. Who does it belong to, and how do you return it?	<u>Letters of Thanks</u> Your class writes thank-you notes to helpers in town. Who do you choose?	<u>Lantern of Hope</u> You light a lantern for someone far away. Who do you think of as it glows?
<u>Holiday Meal Share</u> Your family cooks a big meal. A knock at the door changes everything - what happens?	<u>Kindness Chain</u> You start a kindness chain at school. How far does it go?	<u>Gift of Time</u> You can't buy a gift, so you give your time instead. What do you do?
<u>Snow Angel Promise</u> You make a snow angel beside a lonely park bench. What wish do you make?	<u>Grandma's Storybook</u> Grandma shares an old book about helping others. What lesson do you learn?	<u>Helping Hands</u> A storm hits your town. How do you and your friends help clean up?
<u>The Empty Stocking</u> You notice one stocking missing from the fireplace. Who needs it most?	<u>Midnight Thank-You</u> You leave a note for someone who never gets thanked. How do they find it?	<u>Wish Tree</u> Your community decorates a wish tree. What message of hope do you hang there?

# Make your idea bold and exciting

- Choose one wish or problem to solve•
  - Explore many places
  - If your idea grows, let it!
- Big adventures are welcome





Name: \_\_\_\_\_


Date: \_\_\_\_\_

?


Pick a prompt from the list or make up your own idea. Use this space to plan your story. Write words, draw bubbles, or list details that will help you tell what happens.


Warm Cocoa Gift


You share your last cocoa packet with a friend who forgot theirs. What happens next?




Who was there?Where did it happen?What happened first?How did they feel?What did they learn?

☒ Brainstorm

☐ Plan

☐ Write

☐ Build My Story

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# Brainstorm your ideas



You get 10 minutes

- Use the Brainstorm sheet
- Words or quick sketches
- Use your senses
- Fill the page

Use the word bank to help

Word Bank

- Santa

- elf

- elves

- reindeer

- snowman

- angel

- friend

- neighbor

- grandma

- grandpa

- family

- helper

- baker

- classmate

- pet

- stranger

- North

- Pole

- workshop

- sleigh

- toyshop

- hill

- lake

- fireplace

- livingroom

- backyard

- town

- church

- cabin

- school

- forest

- sky

- present

- stocking

- bell

- candle

- lantern

- ornament

- cookie

Linking Words & Phrases

- cocoa

- list

- map

- globe

- letter

- gift

- blanket

- star

- joyful

- peaceful

- excited

- grateful

- curious

- hopeful

- kind

- brave

- lonely

- surprised

- proud

- caring

- calm

- shy

- cheerful

- snowy

- frosty

- cold

- chilly

- icy

- bright

- glowing

- silent

- midnight

- windy

- cozy

- twinkling

- wintry

- stormy

- crystal

- wrap

- deliver

- first

- next

- then

- after that

- later

- meanwhile

- finally

- at last

- and

- also

- in addition

- another

- as well as

- moreover

- furthermore

- but

- however

- although

- even though

- instead

- on the other hand

- yet

- while

- because

- so

- therefore

- as a result

- since

- due to

- for example

- for instance

- such as

- in particular

- before

- during

- after

- today

- yesterday

- tomorrow

- here

- there

- especially

- importantly

- above all

- in the end

- overall

- in conclusion

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# Turn to the person next to you and ask...



- Who is in your story?
- Where does it happen?
- When does it happen?



You get 2 minutes

# Story Mountain overview



You get 15 minutes

## Climax:

Show the BIG problem or exciting event.

## Rising Action:

Show what your characters are doing and build up to the problem.

## Exposition (Beginning):

Introduce your setting and characters

## Falling Action:

Show how the characters try to solve the problem and what happens next.

## Ending:

Show how everything finishes and how the characters feel.

# Turn to the person next to you and ask...

- What is the BIG moment?
- How do things finish and how do they feel at the end?



You get 2 minutes






# Build your main character



You get 10 minutes

- Name and age
- Are they Human, Animal or Fictional
- What colors are they wearing, do they wear glasses
- Looks and clothing
- One memorable detail

**Character Profile**

Name:

Date:


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This page helps you create your main character for your story. You'll fill in details about who they are, what they look like, and even draw them. Later, you'll use this profile to guide your writing and bring your character to life in Build My Story.

My Character Is: ☐ A Human ☐ An Animal ☐ Fictional


Character Name


How Old Is Your Character?  
 Years Old


Draw Your Character  



What do they look like?

What are they wearing?

☐ Brainstorm


☒ Plan

☐ Write

☐ Build My Story

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# Wrap Up & Next Time

Before you go – check

- Do you have a main character?
- Is there a beginning, middle and end?
- Is your name on every sheet?



Please hand in  
your amazing  
work so far!

Next time – your writing choices

- Summary → Help me write (bring 4–6 sentences)
- Full draft → Type it myself (aim for  $\leq 200$  words)

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# Session 2

Write Your Story

# Learning Objectives

- ☐ I can turn my plan into a draft.
- ☐ I can use words like first / next / because to connect ideas.
- ☐ I can add a detail so my writing is clearer.

# The 5-part story frame

1

## **Exposition (Beginning):**

Introduce your setting and characters

2

## **Rising Action:**

Show what your character is doing and build up to the problem.

3

## **Climax:**

Show the BIG problem or exciting event.

4

## **Falling Action:**

Show how the character tries to solve the problem and what happens next.

5


## **Ending:**

Show how everything finishes and how the character feels.

# Choose your path






Either path is great — pick the one that helps you do your best

## PATH A


 **Option 1: Story Summary**


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You are the storyteller!  
Use your Story Mountain to write a short version of your story. Just a few lines is all you need.  
Build My Story will help you turn it into a full book!


 +  +  +  + 


**Beginning** **Rising Action** **Climax** **Resolution** **Reflection**


 I was...


 Then...


 Suddenly...


 Because of that, I...

 In the end,...

 ☐ **Brainstorm**

 ☐ **Plan**


 ☒ **Write**


 ☐ **Build My Story**


Story Summary  
(4–6 sentences)


OR


## PATH B


 **Page 1**




 **Page 2**





 **Page 3**





**Author Name**

 ☐ **Brainstorm**

 ☐ **Plan**

 ☒ **Write**

 ☐ **Build My Story**



Full Draft  
(About 500 words)

Only as much as you can do

# Path A: Story Summary — 4–6 sentences



1) Who + where (Exposition)



2) Want + problem (Rising Action)



3) BIG moment (Climax)








4) What they try / what happens next (Falling Action)








5) How it ends + feeling (Ending)

# Example Story Summary 1

-  1) One morning, I saw the art shelf was broken.
-  2) I wanted to fix it before anyone got hurt.
-  3) I found tape and started fixing it quietly.
-  4) My teacher walked in and saw it was safe again.
-  5) She smiled and said, "Someone kind helped us today," and I felt proud.



# Example Story Summary 2

-  1) I built a snowman in my yard after the first big snowfall.
-  2) I wanted it to look special, but I forgot to give it a name.
-  3) Suddenly, it whispered, "Call me Frost!" and I jumped in surprise.
-  4) Frost told me a secret - his hat could make wishes come true for one night only.
-  5) I wished for my family to be together, and as the stars sparkled, my wish came true.

# Path B: Full Draft - About 500 words

- Around 500 words total - do as much or as little as you can!
- Short sentences
- Use this order:

Beginning → Build-up → BIG moment → Fixing it → Ending + feeling



# Draft guide

- Beginning — 2–3 lines
- Build-up — 3–5 lines
- BIG moment — 2–3 lines
- Fixing it — 3–4 lines
- Ending + feeling — 2–3 lines

Write on the worksheet page by page. Think about the Story Mountain and follow the icons.

Page 1

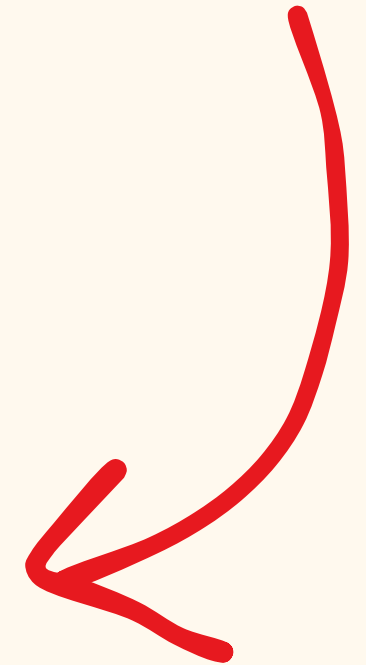
Page 2

Page 3

Author Name

☐ Brainstorm ☐ Plan ☒ Write ☐ Build My Story

BUILD MY STORY



# Show, don't tell

Tell → The snow was cold.

Show → My fingers tingled as I packed a snowball.

Tell → I felt excited for Christmas.

Show → My heart raced as I heard sleigh bells outside.

Swap one “tell” for a “show.”

# Write Time!



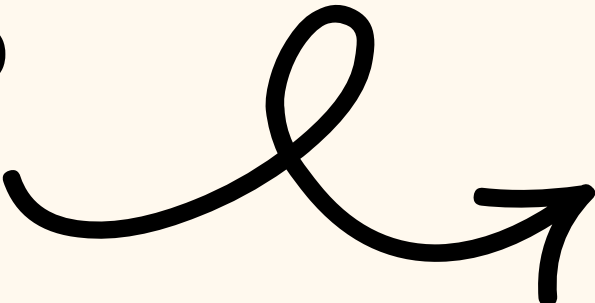
You get 20 minutes

Summary path: finish 5 sentences.

Draft path: aim for 300-500 words.

Tip: Use 2–3 linking words.

Use the word bank to help



## Word Bank

- Santa
- elf
- elves
- reindeer
- snowman
- angel
- friend
- neighbor
- grandma
- grandpa
- family
- helper
- baker
- classmate
- pet
- stranger
- North
- Pole
- workshop
- sleigh
- toyshop
- hill
- lake
- fireplace
- livingroom
- backyard
- town
- church
- cabin
- school
- forest
- sky
- present
- stocking
- bell
- candle
- lantern
- ornament
- cookie
- cocoa
- list
- map
- globe
- letter
- gift
- blanket
- star
- joyful
- peaceful
- excited
- grateful
- curious
- hopeful
- kind
- brave
- lonely
- surprised
- proud
- caring
- calm
- shy
- cheerful
- snowy
- frosty
- cold
- chilly
- icy
- bright
- glowing
- silent
- midnight
- windy
- cozy
- twinkling
- wintery
- stormy
- crystal
- wrap
- deliver

## Linking Words & Phrases

- first
- next
- then
- after that
- later
- meanwhile
- finally
- at last
- and
- also
- in addition
- another
- as well as
- moreover
- furthermore
- but
- however
- although
- even though
- instead
- on the other hand
- yet
- while
- because
- so
- therefore
- as a result
- since
- due to
- for example
- for instance
- such as
- in particular
- before
- during
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# Swap your worksheet with the person next to you

**3 quick checks (circle or say Yes/No)**

- 1) Does it follow the 5 parts? Beginning → Build-up → BIG moment → Fixing it → Ending
- 2) Are there 2–3 linking words? (first, next, then, after that, because, so, finally...)
- 3) Is there one “show, don’t tell” sentence?

Fix one thing, then put your name on your work.



You get 2 minutes

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- ☒ I can turn my plan into a draft.
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# **Session 3**

**Build Your Story**

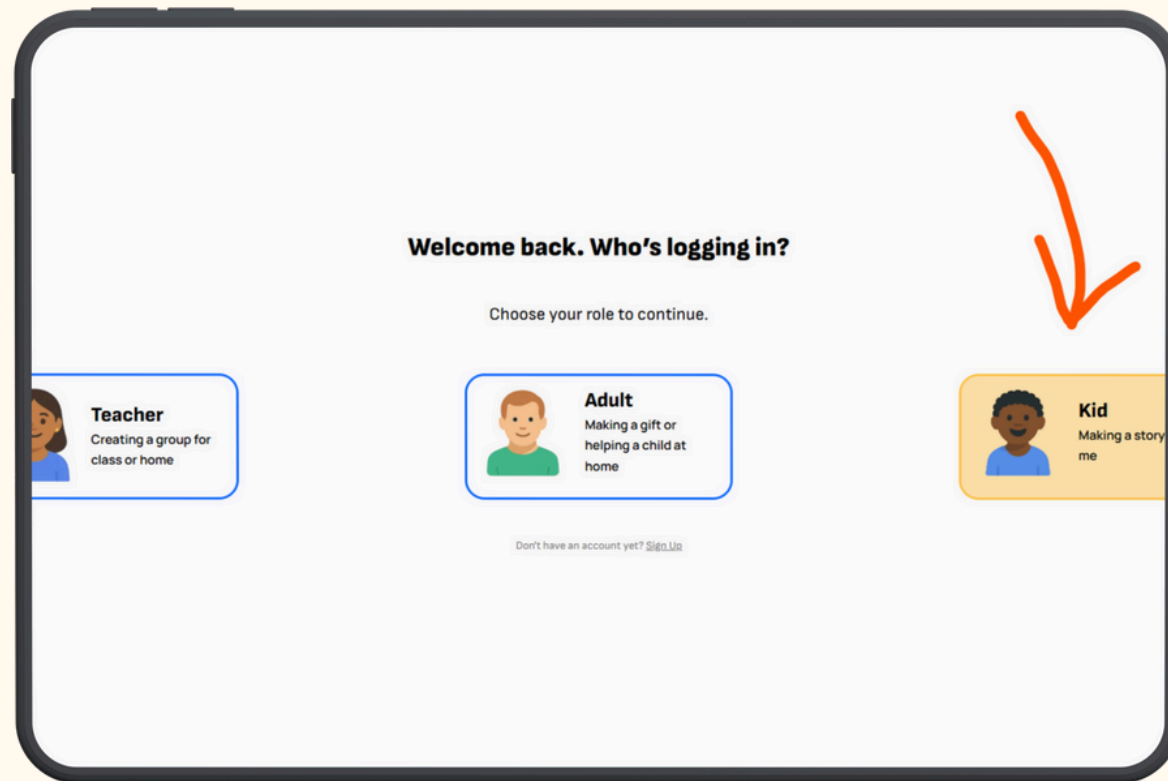


# Learning Objectives

- ☐ I can revise my draft story to make it clearer
- ☐ I can fix capitals, punctuation, and spelling.
- ☐ I can type my story and give it a great title.
- ☐ I can publish a book!
- ☐ I can make an AI picture

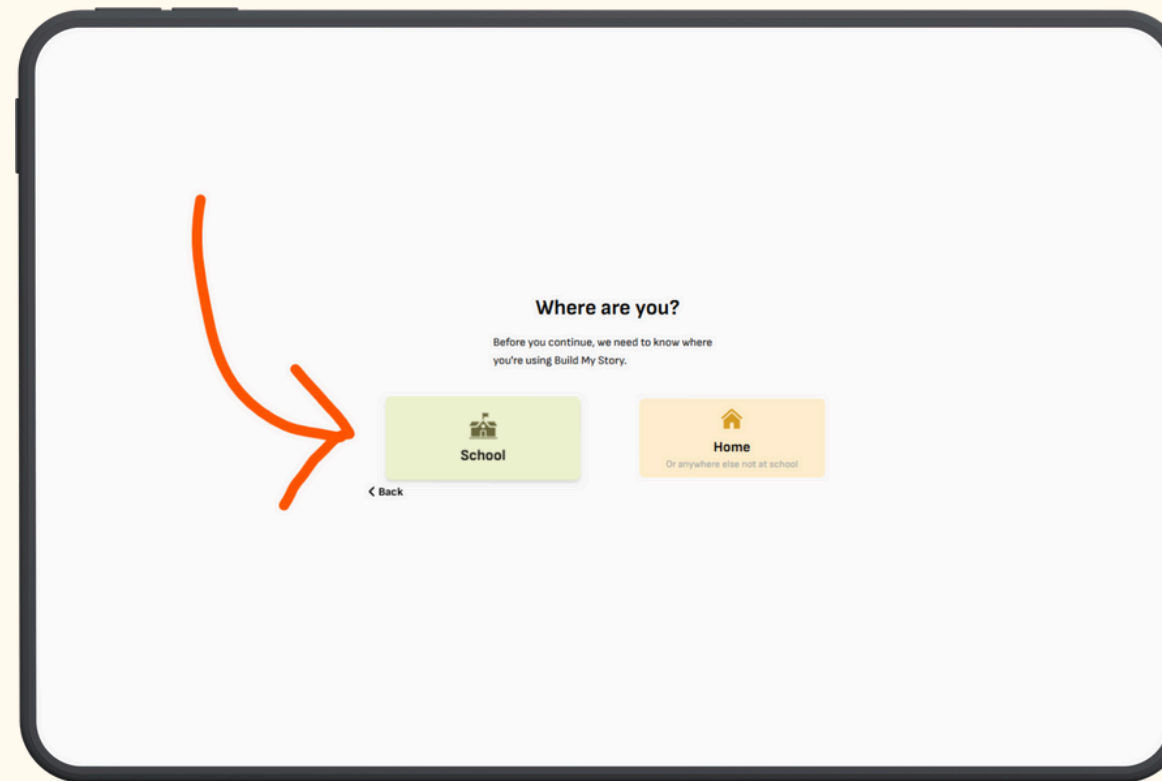
# Sign in

## 1



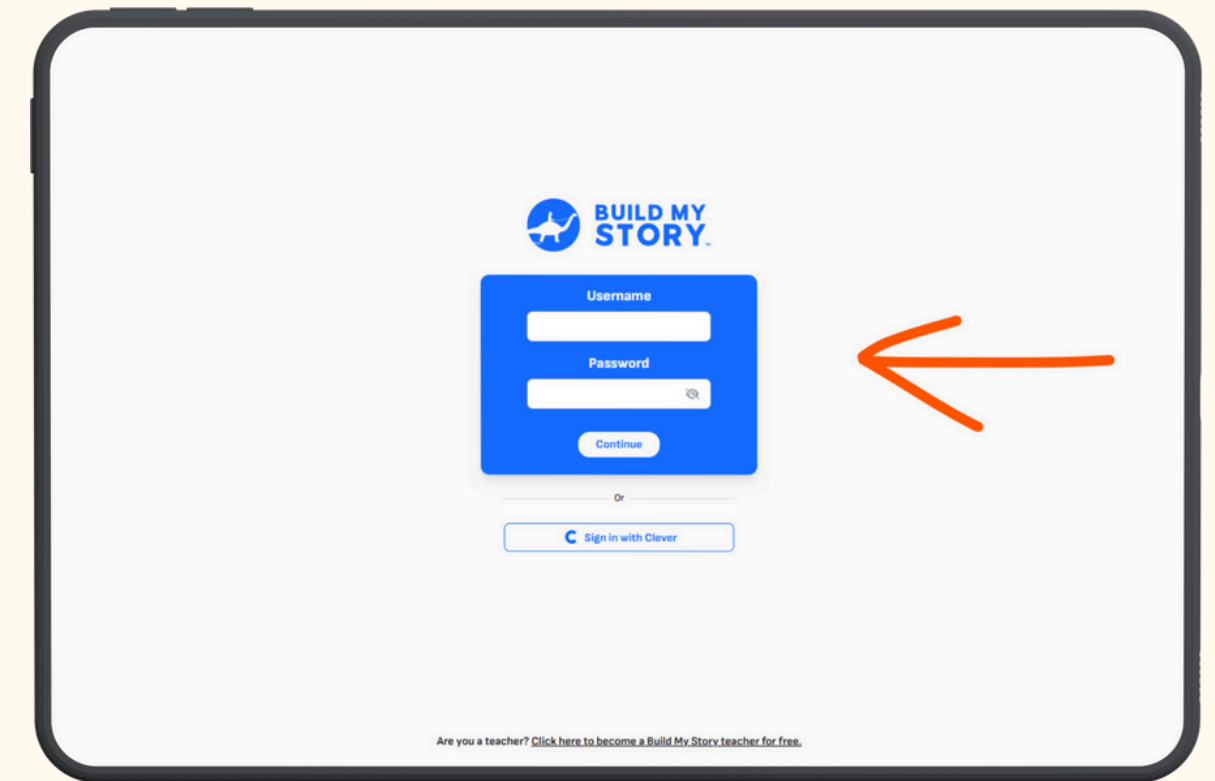
Open Build My Story

## 2



Tap Kid to sign in

## 3



Log in using username

Your teacher will help with usernames or Clever or Google Classroom

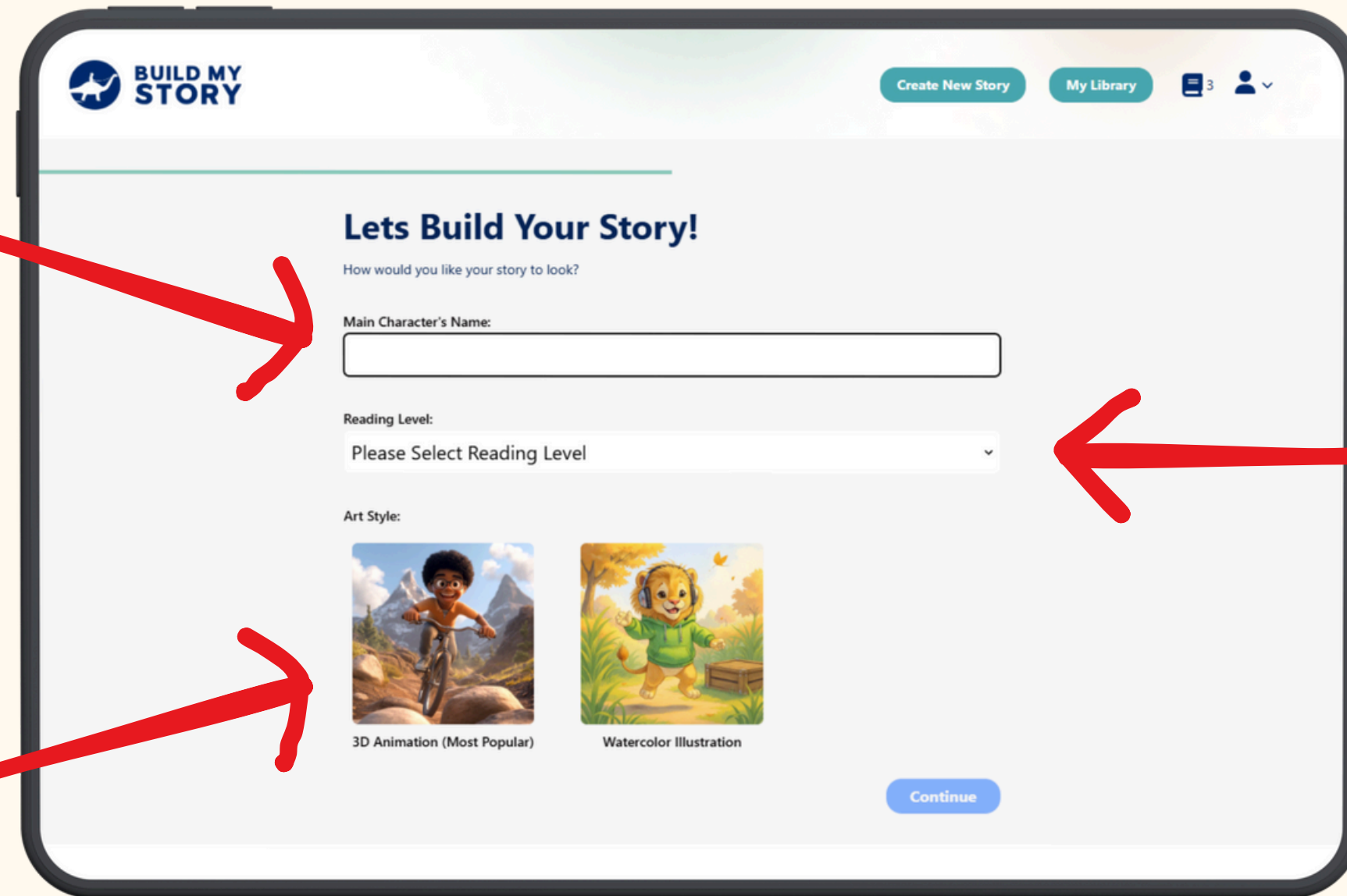
# Set up your book

1

Type your main  
character's name

3

Pick your picture  
style



The screenshot shows the 'BUILD MY STORY' website's setup page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the logo, 'Create New Story', 'My Library', and a user icon. The main heading is 'Lets Build Your Story!' followed by the question 'How would you like your story to look?'. Below this are three sections: 'Main Character's Name' with a text input field, 'Reading Level' with a dropdown menu showing 'Please Select Reading Level', and 'Art Style' with two image options: '3D Animation (Most Popular)' and 'Watercolor Illustration'. A blue 'Continue' button is at the bottom right. Three red arrows point from the numbered instructions to these fields: from instruction 1 to the name input, from instruction 3 to the 3D animation image, and from instruction 2 to the reading level dropdown.

2

Choose your  
reading level  
(ask if unsure)

4

Click Continue

# Choose how to write

## Path A

**BUILD MY STORY** Create New Story My Library 12

### Lets Build Your Story!

Tell us a little about your character and what the story's about

**Help Me Write My Story**  
Start with your idea and we'll bring it to life as a real storybook.

**I Want to Write It Myself**  
Already know what happens? Start writing your version.

Story Setting & Goal:

ex: An abandoned research station hidden in the Arctic, where a kid discovers old technology and must uncover what happened to the missing scientists.

Story Type: Please Select Story Type Writing Style: Please Select Writing Style Write Story Inc: English (US)

[Back](#) [Continue](#)

Help me write — paste your summary

## Path B

**BUILD MY STORY** Create New Story My Library 12

### Lets Build Your Story!

Tell us a little about your character and what the story's about

**Help Me Write My Story**  
Start with your idea and we'll bring it to life as a real storybook.

**I Want to Write It Myself**  
Already know what happens? Start writing your version.

Page by page story breakdown

Page 1  
One sunny morning.... 0/10 Words

Page 2 0/10 Words

Page 3 0/10 Words

Page 4 0/10 Words

Page 5 0/10 Words

Type it myself — type your story

# Help me write — paste your summary

1

Paste your 4–6  
sentence  
summary

2

Choose Story  
Type

3

Choose Writing Style

4

Choose  
Language

5

Click Continue

The screenshot shows the 'Build My Story' app interface. At the top, there's a header with the logo and navigation links: 'Create New Story', 'My Library', and a user icon. Below the header, the main heading is 'Lets Build Your Story!'. Underneath, there's a prompt: 'Tell us a little about your character and what the story's about'. There are two main options: 'Help Me Write My Story' (highlighted in yellow) and 'I Want to Write It Myself'. Below these, there's a 'Story Setting & Goal' section with an example text: 'ex: An abandoned research station hidden in the Arctic, where a kid discovers old technology and must uncover what happened to the missing scientists.' At the bottom, there are three dropdown menus: 'Story Type' (with 'Please Select Story Type'), 'Writing Style' (with 'Please Select Writing Style'), and 'Write Story In:' (with 'English (US)'). A 'Continue' button is at the bottom right. Red arrows point from the numbered instructions to specific elements: arrow 1 points to the 'Help Me Write My Story' button; arrow 2 points to the 'Story Type' dropdown; arrow 3 points to the 'Writing Style' dropdown; arrow 4 points to the 'Write Story In:' dropdown; and arrow 5 points to the 'Continue' button.

# Type it myself

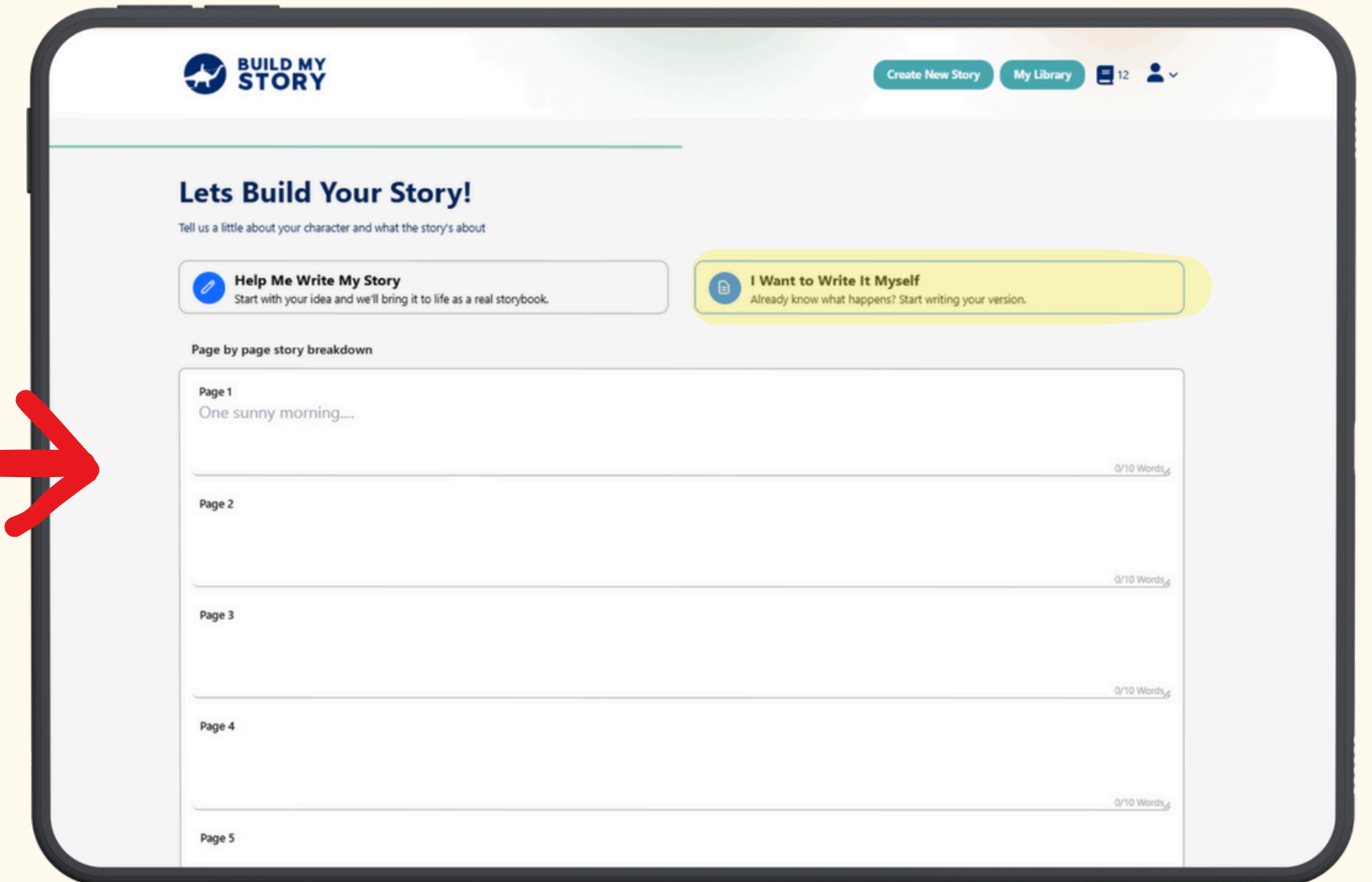
Type into the 11 pages

**1**

**Remember:**

Beginning → Build-up → BIG  
moment → Fixing it → Ending

Use 2–3 linking words

A screenshot of the 'BUILD MY STORY' app interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the app logo, 'Create New Story', 'My Library', and a user icon. Below this, a heading 'Lets Build Your Story!' is followed by a subtext 'Tell us a little about your character and what the story's about'. Two main options are presented: 'Help Me Write My Story' (with a blue icon) and 'I Want to Write It Myself' (with a yellow icon and highlighted background). Below these, a section titled 'Page by page story breakdown' shows a list of pages from Page 1 to Page 5. Page 1 has the text 'One sunny morning....' and a '0/10 Words' indicator. Pages 2 through 5 are currently blank with '0/10 Words' indicators. A large red arrow points from the 'Remember' section of the first slide to the 'I Want to Write It Myself' option in the app interface.

**2**

Click Continue



# Build your character



Upload a drawing

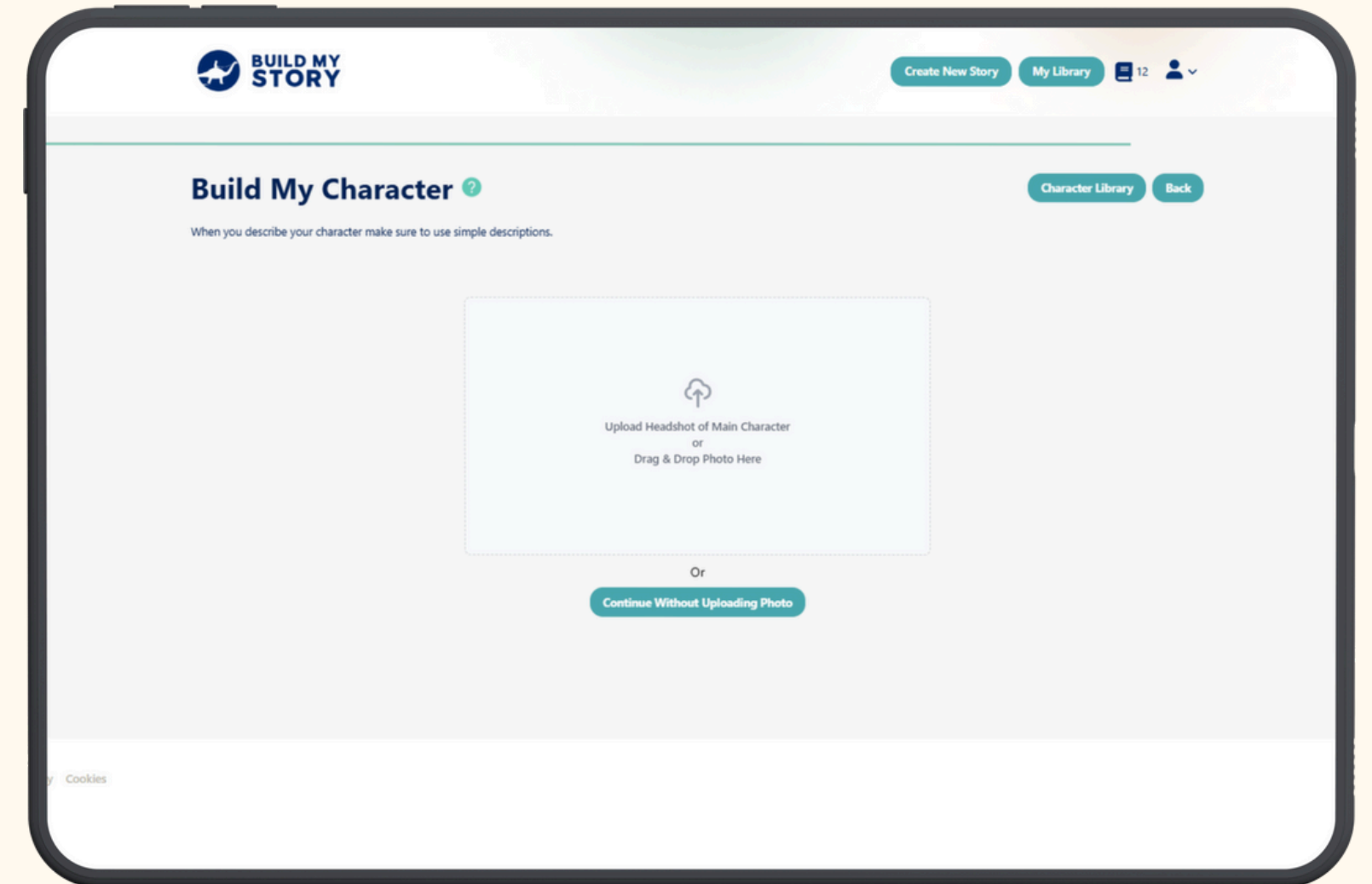
OR



A picture of a character

OR

Click 'Continue without uploading character'



# Build your character

1

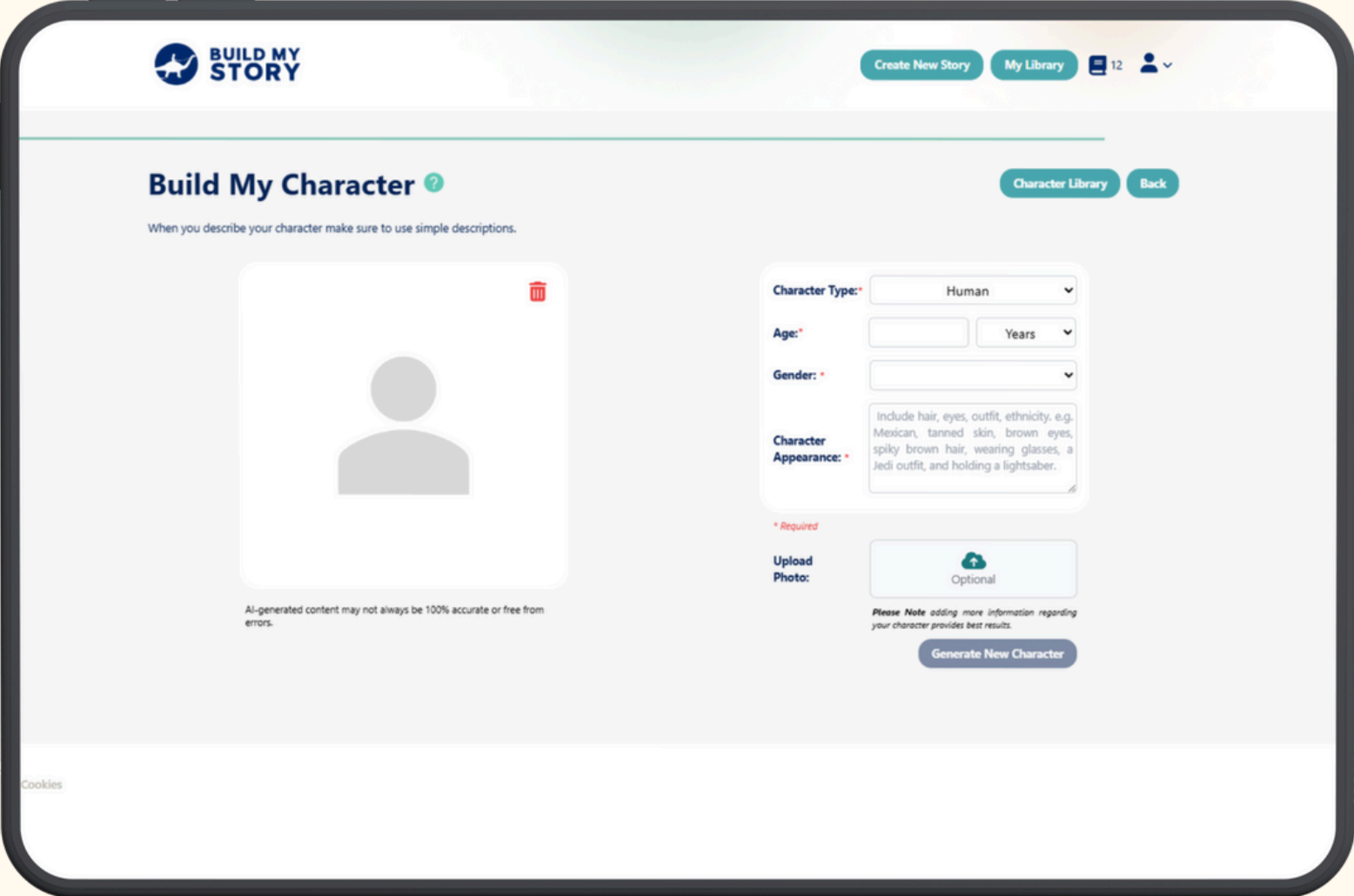
Choose Character Type:  
Human, Animal or Fictional

2

Age or character type if  
its an animal or fictional

3

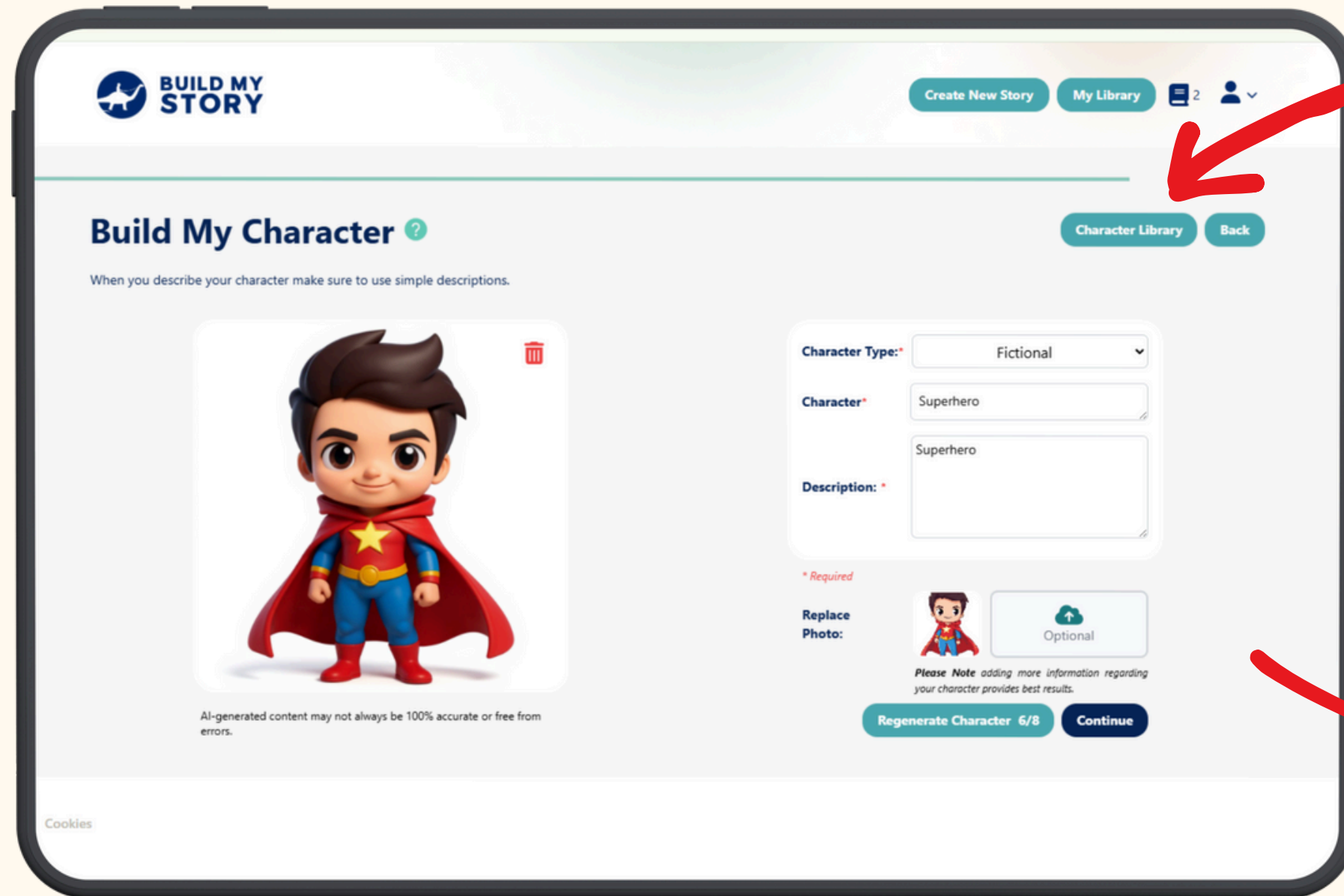
Type character appearance.  
What does the character look like?

A screenshot of the 'Build My Story' website's character creation interface. The page has a light blue header with the 'BUILD MY STORY' logo, a 'Create New Story' button, a 'My Library' button, and a user profile icon. The main content area is titled 'Build My Character' with a subtitle 'When you describe your character make sure to use simple descriptions.' Below this is a large placeholder for a character image. To the right of the image are input fields for 'Character Type' (set to 'Human'), 'Age' (with a 'Years' dropdown), and 'Gender'. Below these is a text area for 'Character Appearance' with a small example text: 'Include hair, eyes, outfit, ethnicity, e.g. Mexican, tanned skin, brown eyes, spiky brown hair, wearing glasses, a jedi outfit, and holding a lightsaber.' At the bottom right is an 'Upload Photo' button with a cloud icon and the word 'Optional'. A 'Generate New Character' button is at the very bottom right. A small disclaimer at the bottom left of the image placeholder reads: 'AI-generated content may not always be 100% accurate or free from errors.'

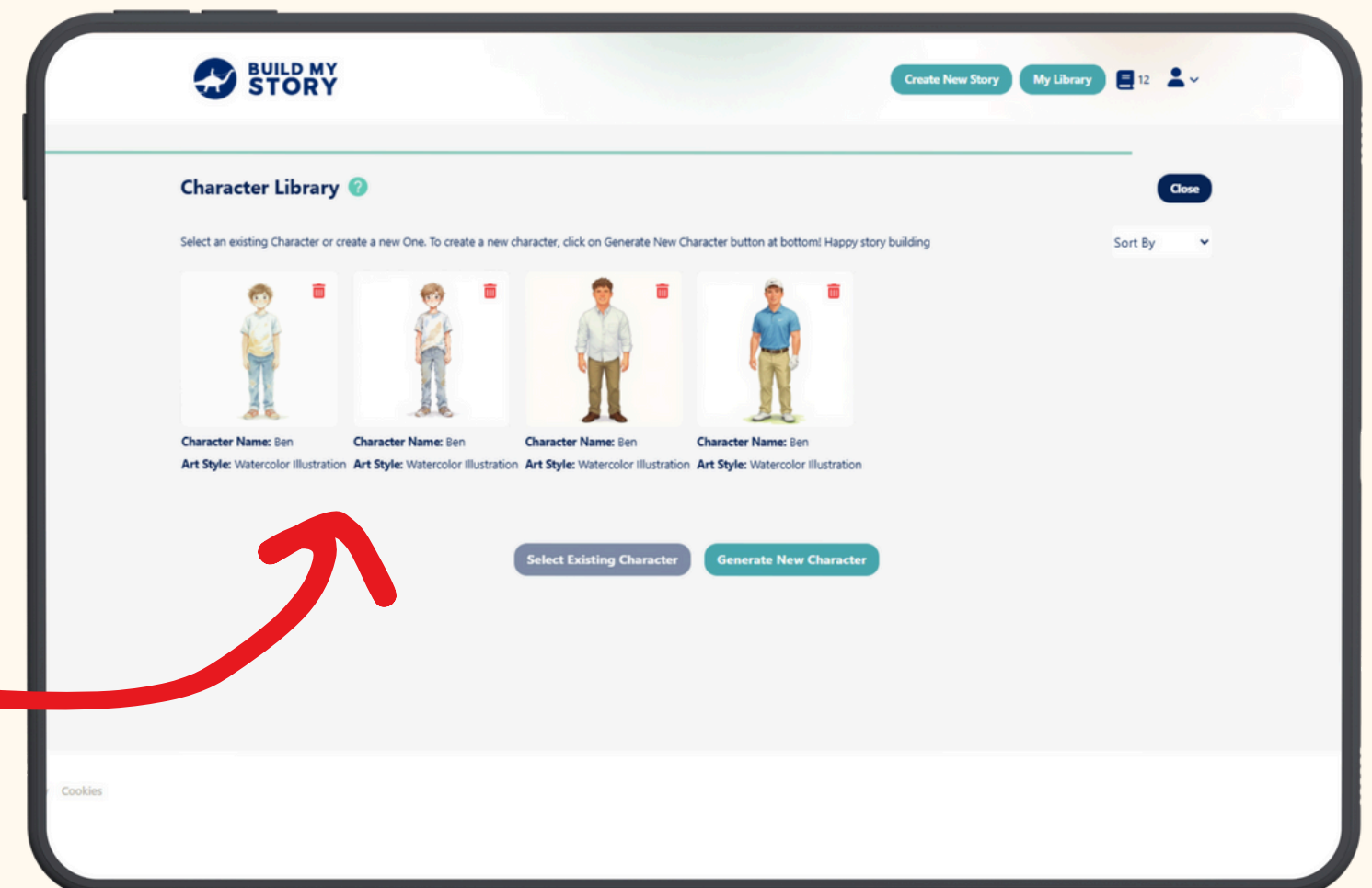
4 Click 'Generate New Character'



# Build your character



Click to view all of the characters you have made

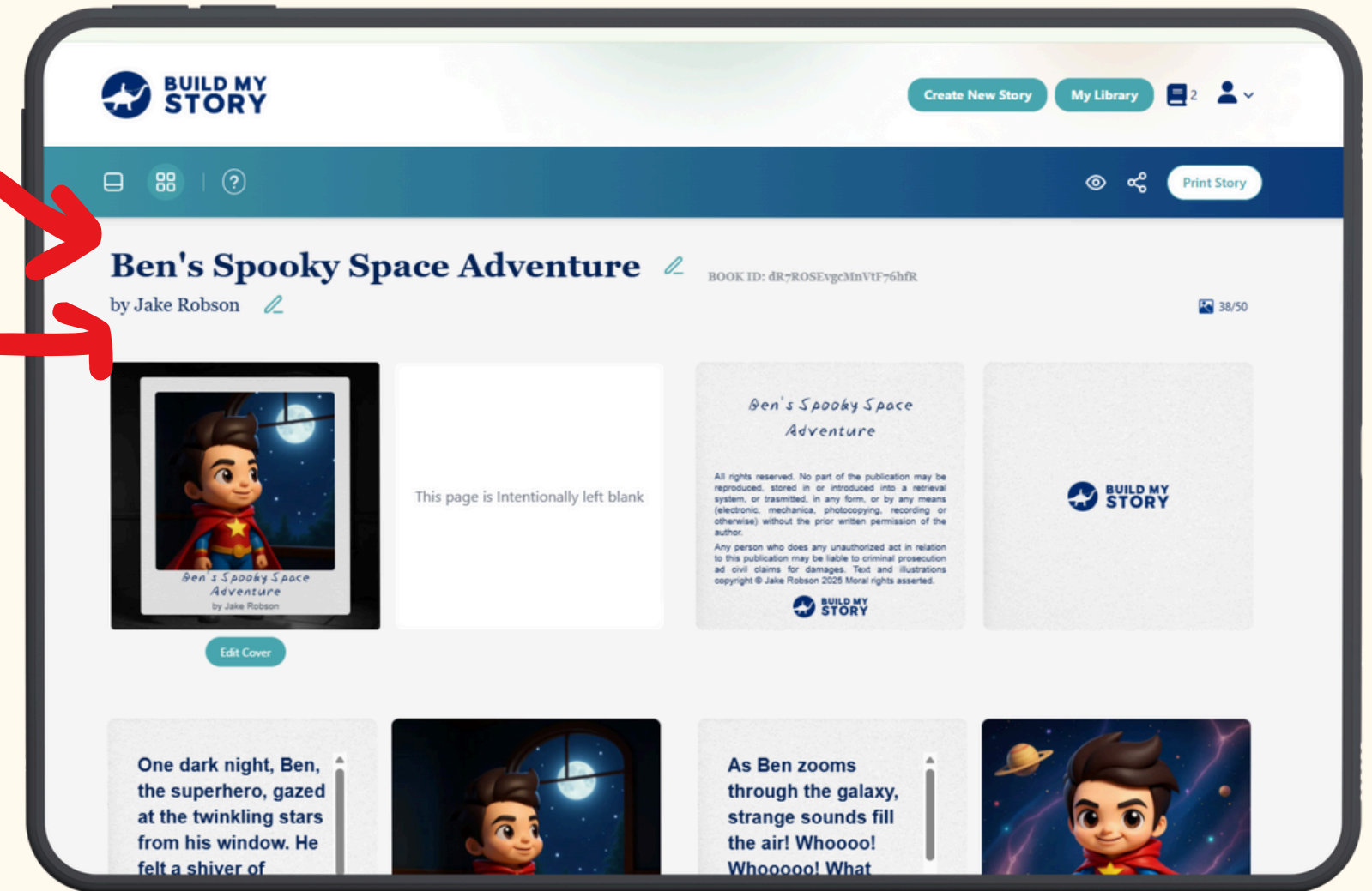


# Edit Your Book Until You Are Happy!

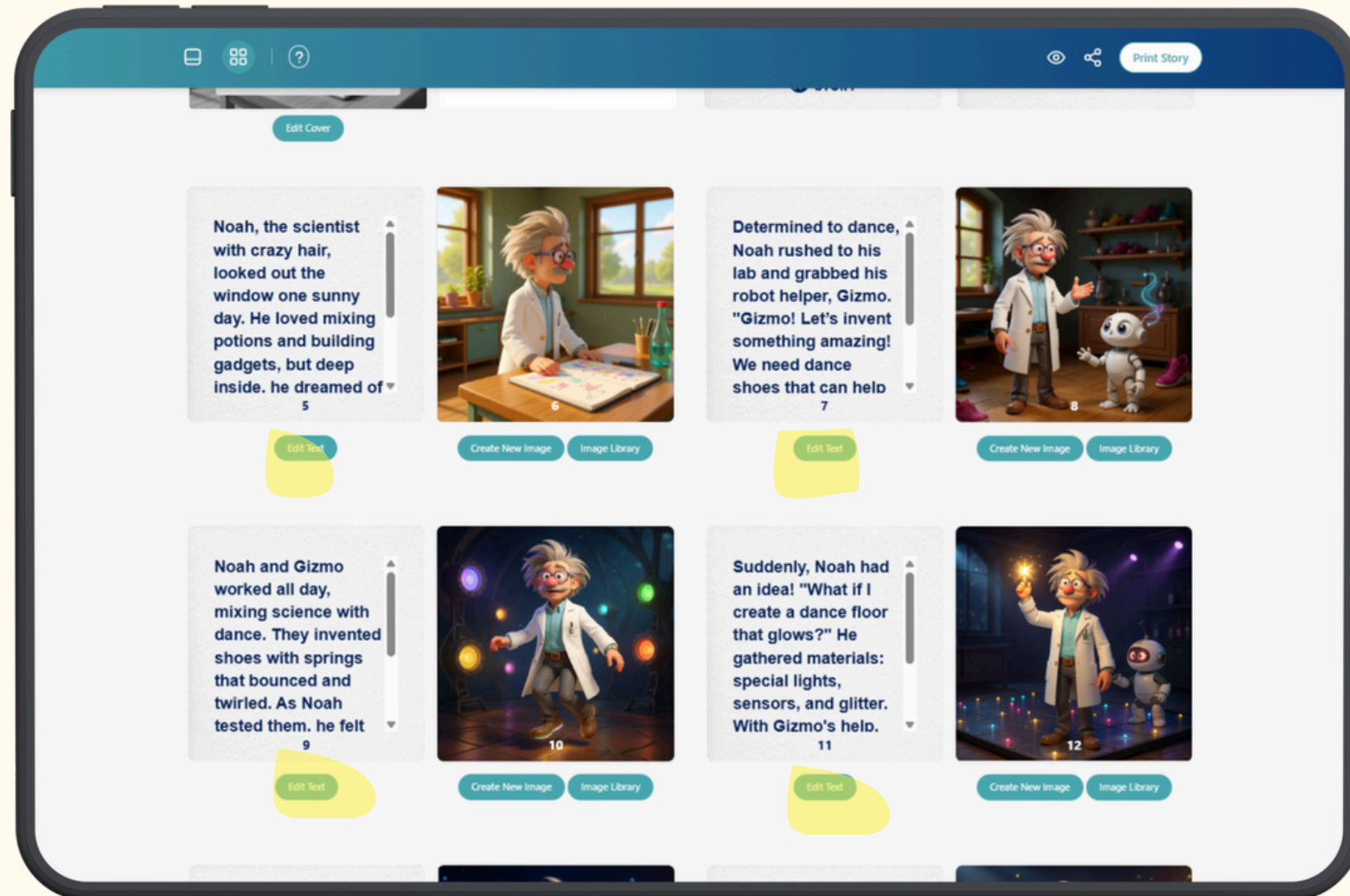
Edit Your Title

Edit Author Name

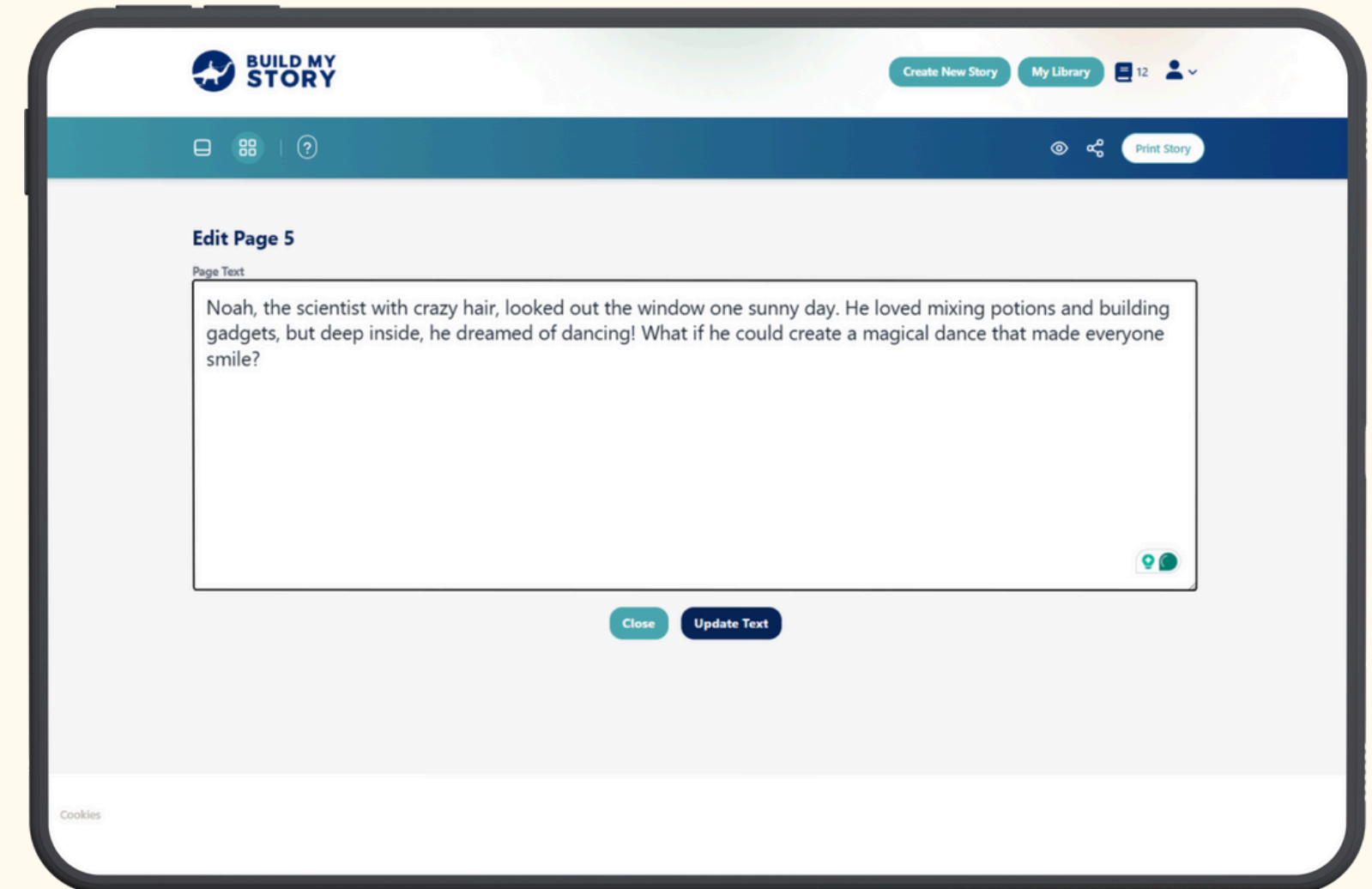
Scroll and Read your  
amazing story!



# How to edit text



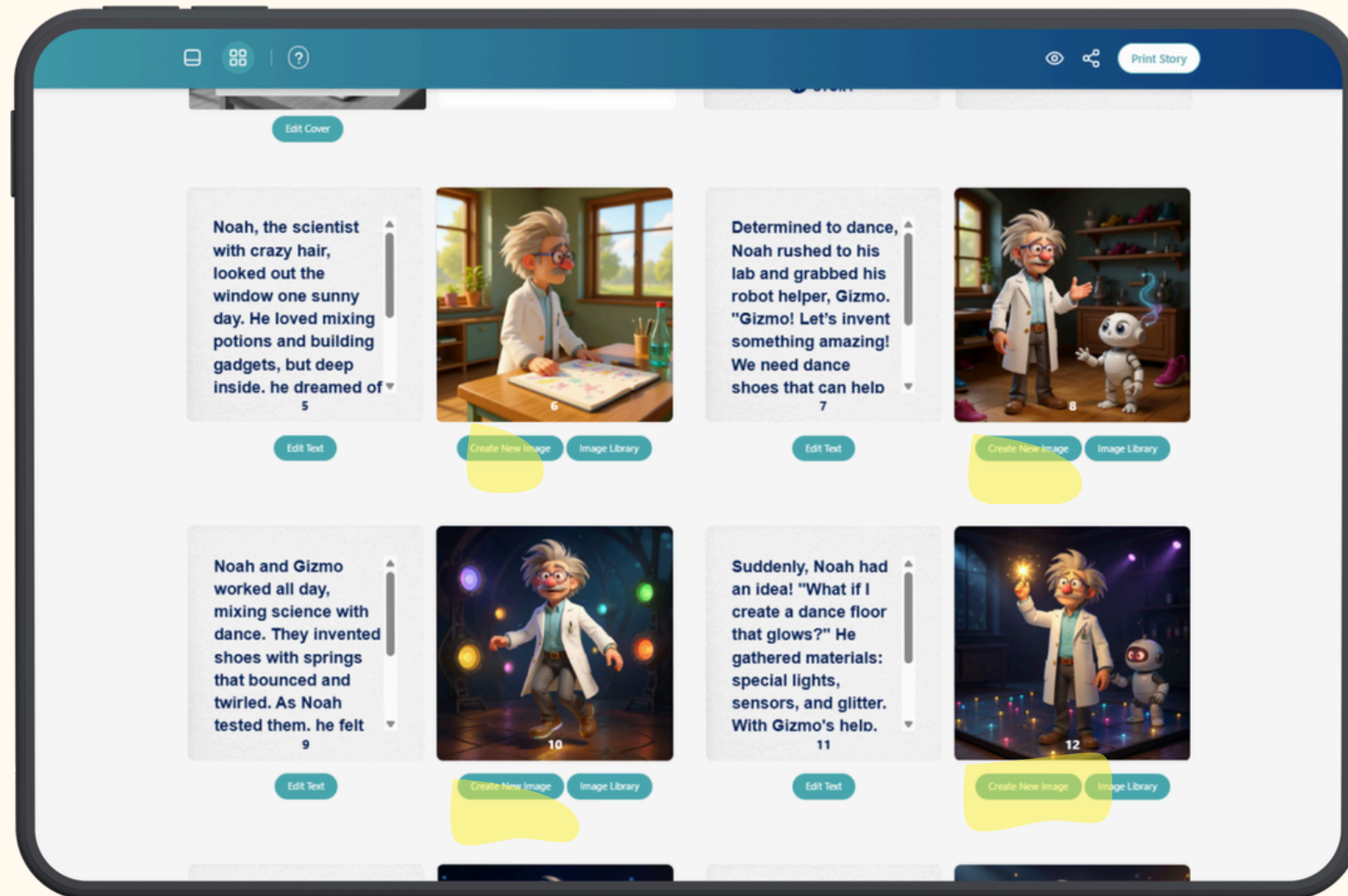
Click 'Edit Text'



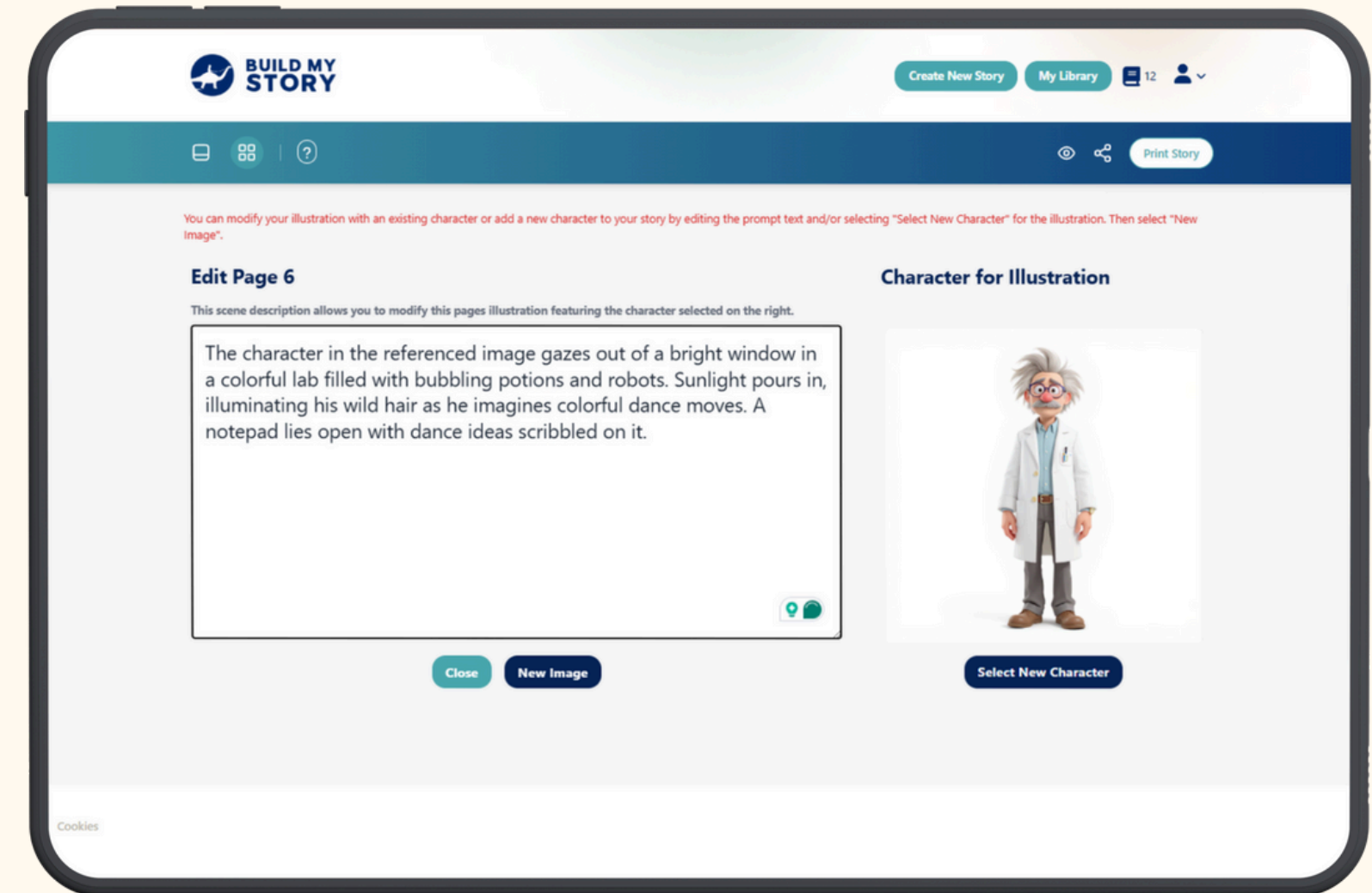
Type, Edit and 'Update Text'



# How to edit Images



Click 'Edit Image'



Type in your Image Prompt

What is an image prompt? →

# What is a good image prompt?

## What's a prompt?

It's the sentence that tells the app what to draw on this page.

Your main character stays the same—you change the **action, place, and details**.

## The 4 Magic Parts (A-P-O-M)

- Action – what is the character doing?
- Place – where is it happening?
- Objects – 1–2 things to include (props).
- Mood/Time – how it feels (cozy, windy) or when (evening, rainy).

# Quick Example Image Prompts

## Good Prompt

“Santa’s sleigh glides over snowy rooftops at midnight; stars sparkle, and children dream below.”

## Not Good Prompt

“Santa on a roof.”

**Why is this not a good prompt? Put your hand up**

Remember The 4 Magic Parts (A-P-O-M)

**Action + Place + Objects + Mood/Time**

# Why is this a bad prompt?

## Not Good Prompt

“Santa on a roof.”



Action – No Action



Place – “Roof”



Objects – No Objects



Mood/Time – No Mood/Time

The bad prompt has not passed  
the 4 magic parts!



# Why is this a good prompt?

## Good Prompt

“Santa’s sleigh glides over snowy rooftops at midnight; stars sparkle, and children dream below.”



Action – “Glides over”



Place – “Snowy rooftops”



Objects – “Sleigh,” “Stars”



Mood/Time – “Midnight”

The good prompt has passed  
the 4 magic parts!

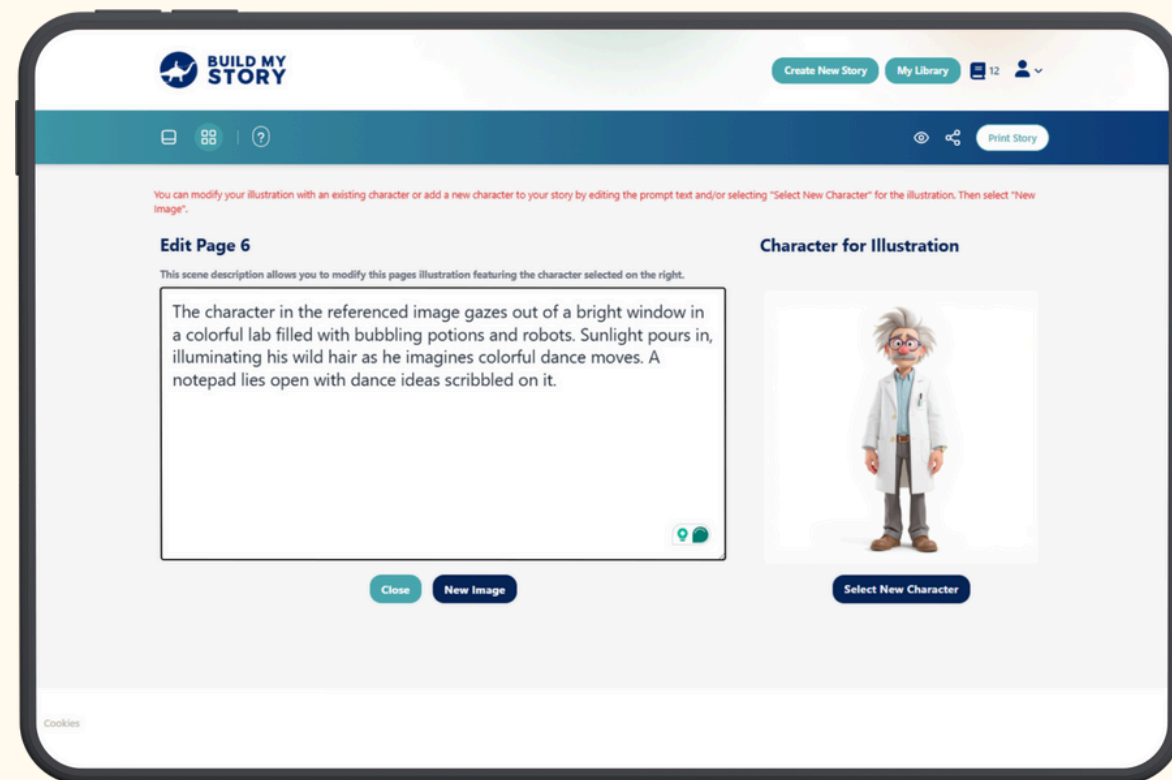


And that’s how to use AI!



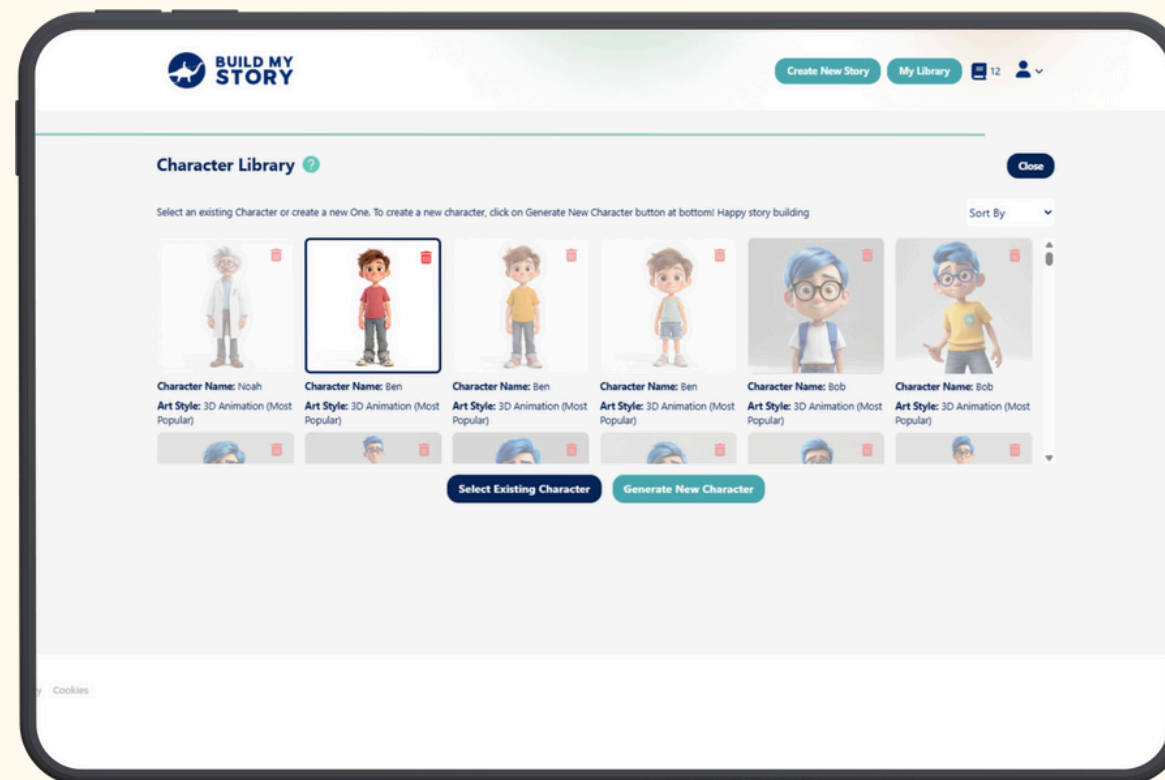
# You can even add more characters!

1



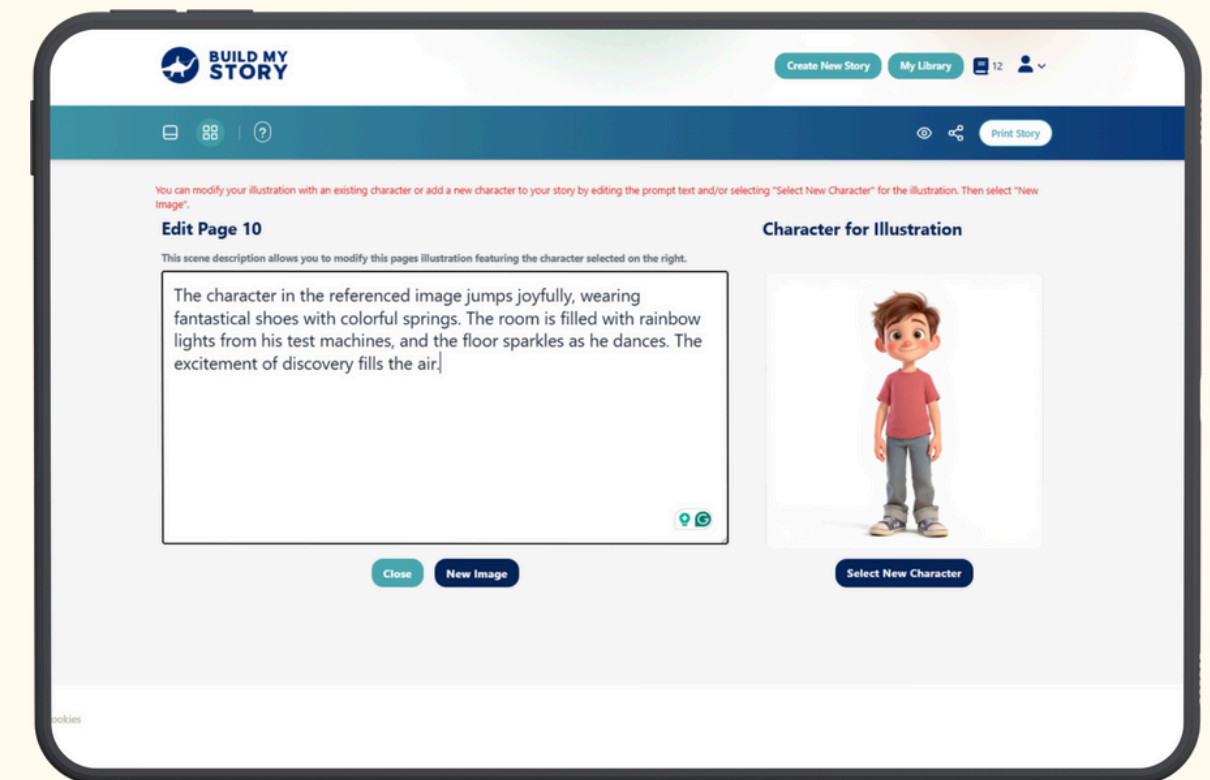
Click 'Select New Character'

2



Create or choose a new character

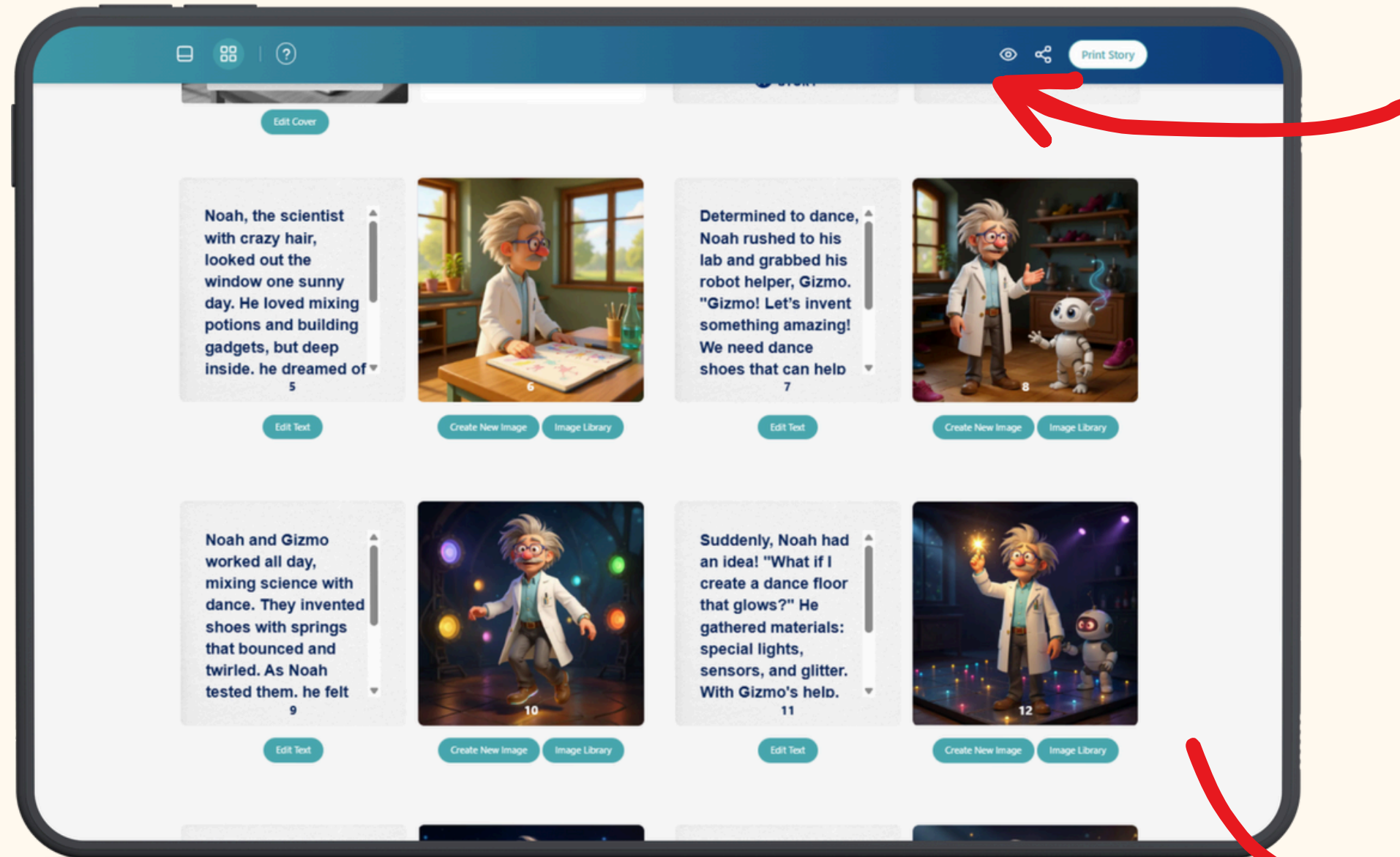
3



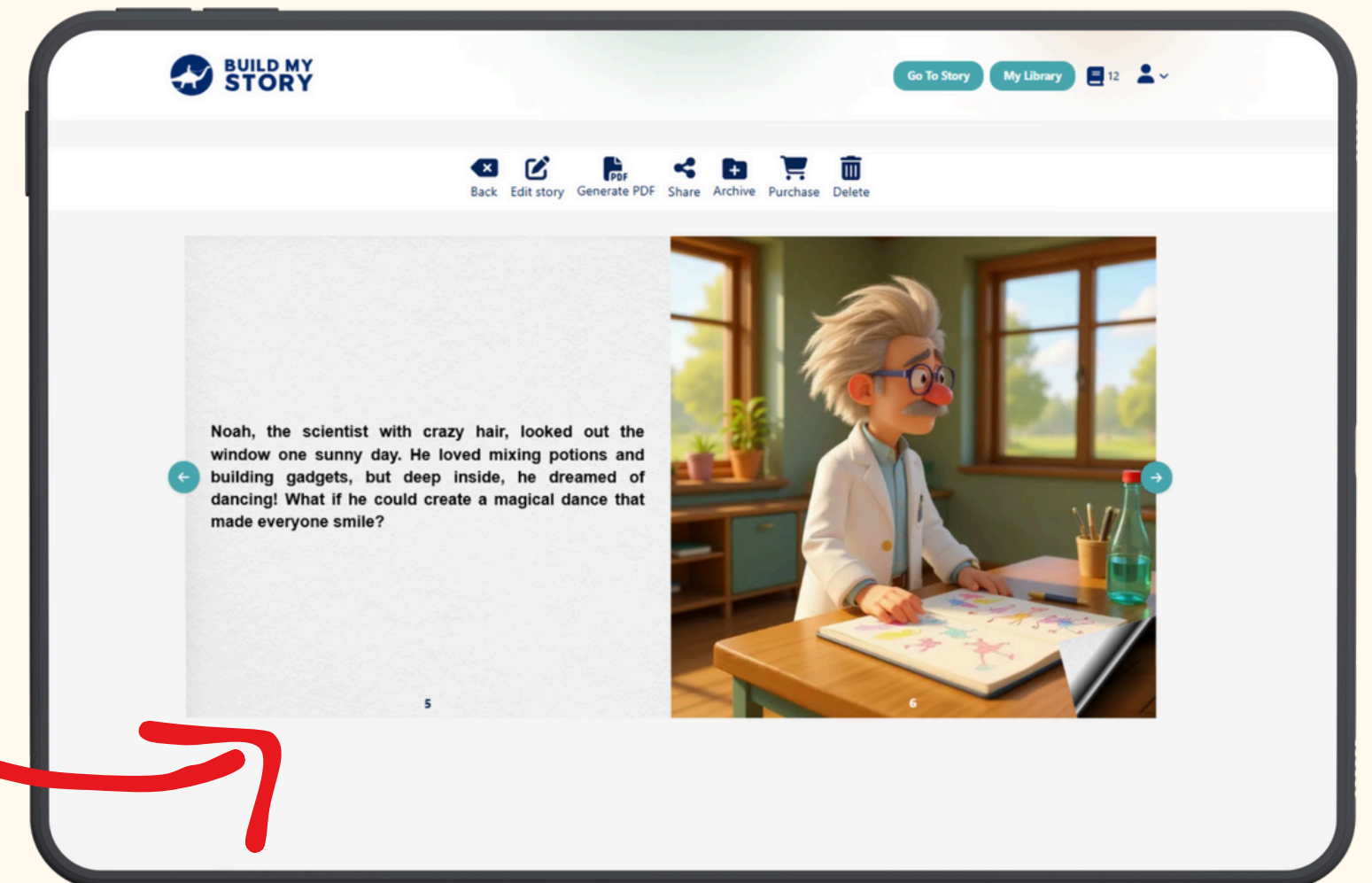
Edit Image Prompt

Remember to change your image prompt with your new character!

# Proof Read when you're finished!



Click on the 



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- ☒ I can make an AI picture

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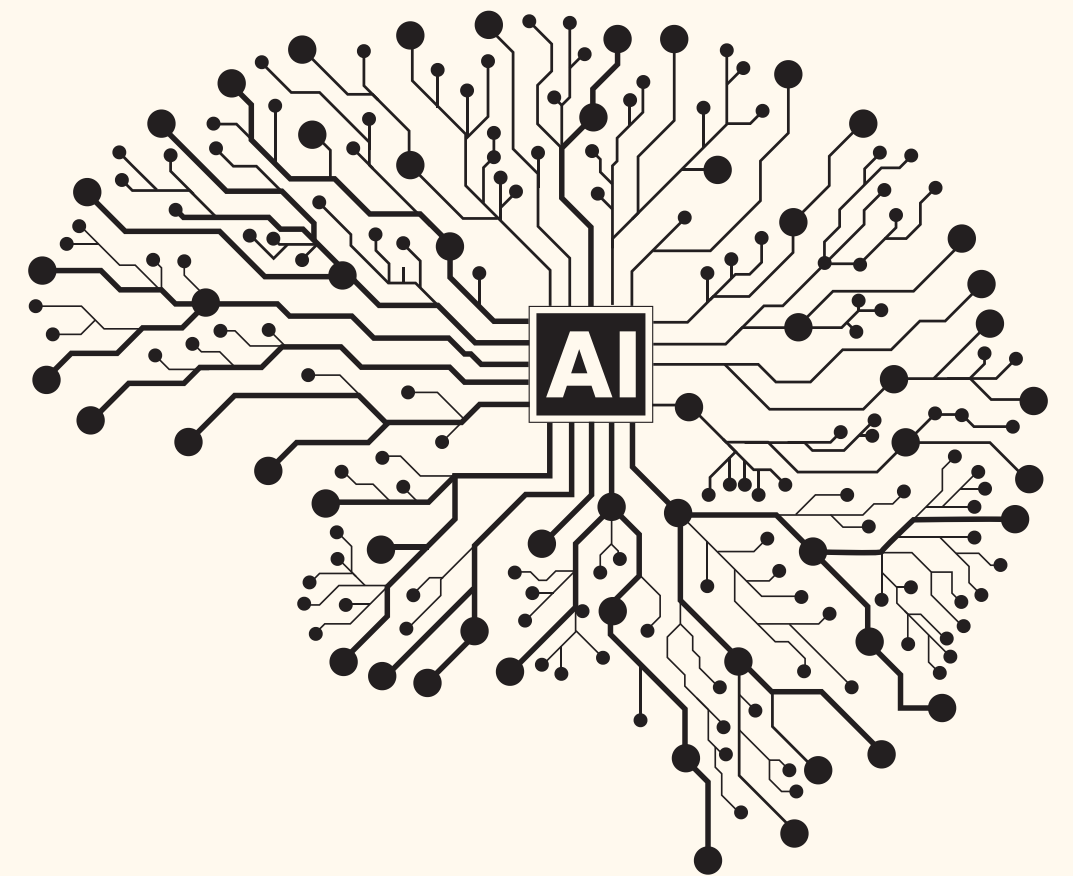
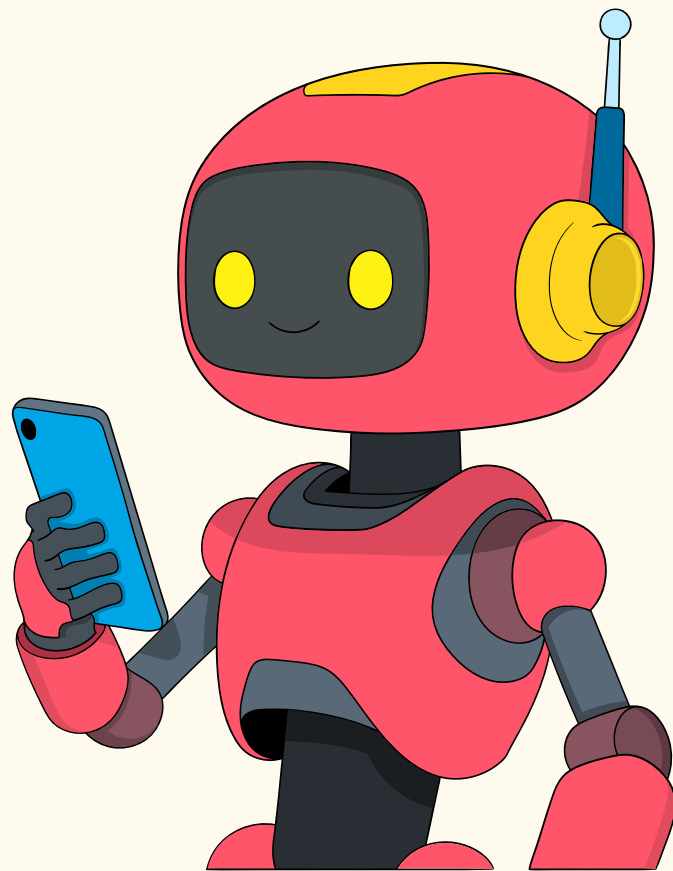
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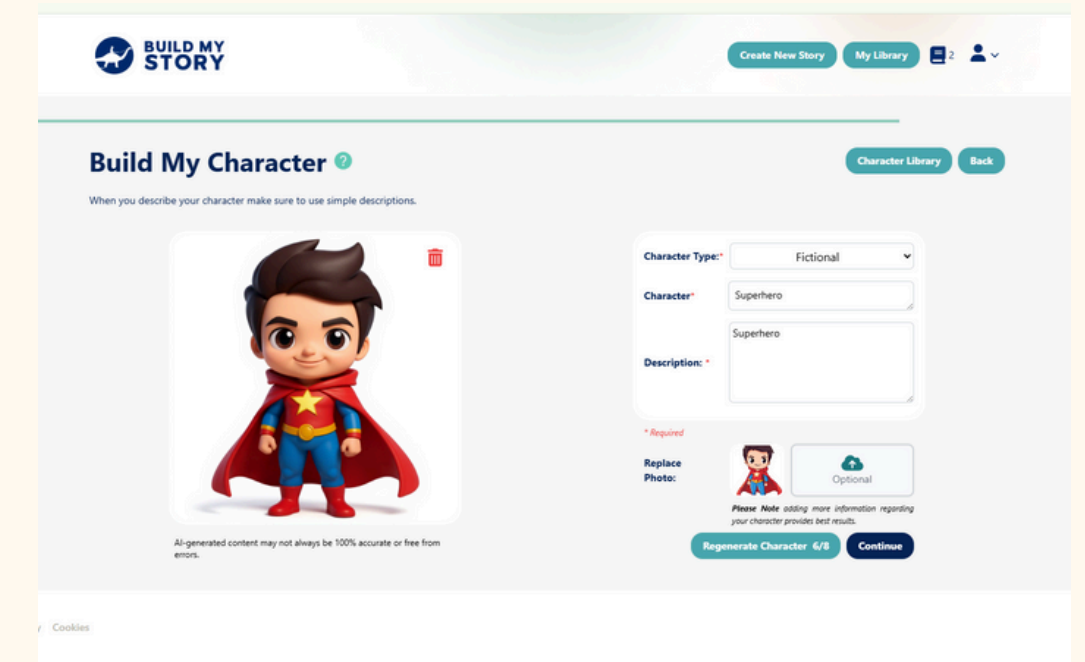
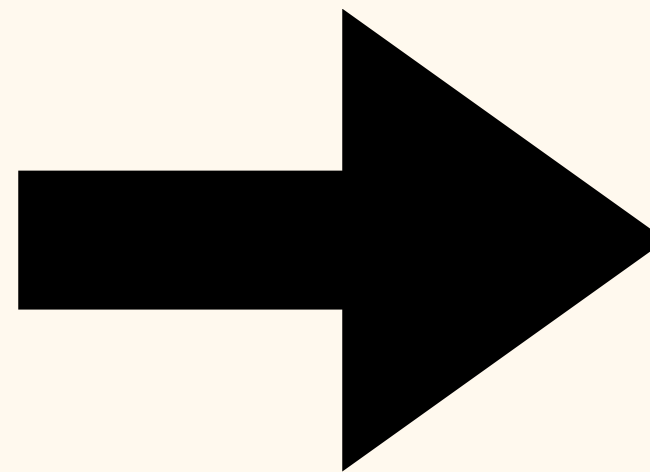
**What is A.I?**



# What is A.I?

AI = Artificial Intelligence.

- It means computers learn patterns from lots of examples.
- Then they use those patterns to help us: recognize voices, suggest words, translate, draw pictures from words, and chat.



That's how your character was made!

## In Build My Story, AI can:

- grow your summary into a story (Help me write)
- make pictures from your prompt (Create new image)

## Remember!

AI is NOT a person. It has no feelings and can make mistakes.

YOU are the author — check, edit, and choose what to keep.

## Story Summary → Big Story

## Image Prompt →



Be smart & kind online:

- Don't share private info (full name, address, passwords).
- Ask an adult if something doesn't look right.