

Materials Needed:

- Computer or tablet with internet access
- Access to K-pop music videos and translated lyrics (YouTube, Genius.com, etc.)
- Notebook or word processor
- Pen/pencil (if using a notebook)

Lesson: K-Pop Narrative Power!

Hey there! Ever notice how some K-pop songs and music videos tell amazing stories? They have characters, cool settings, and sometimes even epic plots! Today, we're going to tap into that storytelling power to inspire our own creative writing.

Step 1: Deconstructing the Story (15-20 minutes)

Let's start by being detectives! Choose one K-pop song WITH a music video that you find interesting (or pick one you know well). Some examples with strong narratives include BTS's "I NEED U," IU's "Through the Night," or TXT's "Can't You See Me?" but feel free to choose your own favorite!

As you watch the video and read the translated lyrics, think about:

- **Characters:** Who are the main people involved? What are their personalities or struggles like?
- **Setting:** Where and when does the story seem to take place? How does the setting affect the mood?
- **Plot:** What happens? Is there a beginning, middle, and end? What's the main conflict or problem?
- **Theme:** What's the bigger message or idea? (e.g., friendship, loss, dreams, rebellion)
- **Sensory Details:** What descriptive words (sight, sound, smell, taste, touch) do the lyrics or visuals use to pull you in?

Jot down your observations in your notebook or document.

Step 2: Brainstorming Your Own K-Pop Story (15 minutes)

Now it's your turn! Think about a K-pop song, music video concept, stage outfit, or even just a single lyric that sparks your imagination. It doesn't have to be the same one you just analyzed.

Let's brainstorm ideas for a *short story* inspired by that K-pop element. Don't worry about writing sentences yet, just get your ideas down. Consider:

- **Your Main Character:** Who are they? What do they want? Are they an idol, a fan, someone else entirely?
- **The Setting:** A bustling concert venue? A quiet practice room? A fantasy world inspired by the music video?
- **The Core Idea/Conflict:** What challenge will your character face? What's the central event? (e.g., preparing for a debut, solving a mystery hinted at in lyrics, a chance encounter at a fan sign).
- **K-Pop Connection:** How will the specific K-pop element you chose be woven into the story?

Step 3: Quick Outline (5-10 minutes)

Before you start writing, create a super simple outline. Just three basic parts:

1. **Beginning:** Introduce your character and setting. Hint at the conflict.
2. **Middle:** Describe the main events and how the character deals with the conflict. Build tension!

3. **End:** How is the conflict resolved? What has the character learned or how have they changed?

Step 4: Write Your Story! (30-45 minutes)

Okay, time to write! Turn your brainstorm and outline into a short story (aim for about 1-2 pages, or around 300-500 words). Focus on:

- **Showing, Not Telling:** Instead of saying "She was nervous," describe her shaky hands or racing heart.
- **Sensory Details:** Bring your story to life! What does the character see, hear, smell, feel? (e.g., the roar of the crowd, the smell of rain on pavement, the smooth feel of a ticket stub).
- **Dialogue (Optional):** If it fits, add some conversation between characters.
- **Connecting to K-Pop:** Make sure your chosen K-pop inspiration shines through subtly or directly.

Don't stress about perfection – just get your ideas down and have fun creating your world!

Wrap-up & Reflection (5 minutes)

Read through your story. What part are you most proud of? How did using a K-pop inspiration help or change your writing process? Think about how many different kinds of stories can come from the same song!

Optional Extension: You could revise your story, share it, write a 'part 2', or even design an 'album cover' for your story concept!