

Vignettes and Themes: vibes-based story ideation

Step One:
collect snippets.

*Write everything down: tiny scenes, lines,
ideas, images.*

Step Two:
identify themes.

*Look through your list of snippets and sort
them into themes.*

What themes have you picked out?

Step Three: pick one theme.

What do you really want to say about it?

What kind of antagonist or conflict will help you express those ideas?

Step Four: basic outline.

*Devise images for your beginning, middle, and end that make
strong statements about your theme.*

Step Five: flesh it out!

*Find places for as many of your snippets as possible. Use this space to think about where
specific lines, scenes, characters, or ideas might fit in.*

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