

3-Act Structure Plotting Worksheet



Hello, Creative Writer!

Welcome to your 3-Act Structure Plotting Worksheet! Let's break down each act of your story with prompts and questions to keep your creativity flowing. This isn't just an outline – it's your story's roadmap. Have fun with it!

Act 1: Setting the Stage

Introduce Your Hero: Who's your main character, and what's their life like before everything changes?

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Introduce Your Hero: Describe something they love, fear, or secretly wish for

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Inciting Incident: What unexpected event kicks off the story?

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Inciting Incident: How does it disrupt their normal life?

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Setting the Tone: What's one thing readers should know about the world or environment of your story?

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Setting the Tone: Any special rules, magic, or quirks in this world?

Act 2: Rising Action & Conflict

Build Up the Tension: What's the hero's main goal now, and what obstacles are in the way?

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Build Up the Tension: List at least two roadblocks or challenges they'll face here.

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New Allies & Enemies: Who does the hero meet that will help (or hinder) them?

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New Allies & Enemies: Describe one key character that joins the adventure here.

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High Stakes Moment: What's a big turning point or choice the hero has to make?

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High Stakes Moment: How does this choice raise the stakes or reveal something deeper about them?

Act 3: The Big Finish **The Climax:** What's the ultimate showdown or challenge? Describe the scene!

Act 3: The Big Finish **The Climax:** What does the hero realize about themselves here?

Act 3: The Big Finish **The Resolution:** How does the story wrap up, and what has the hero learned?

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The Resolution: What do you want readers to feel when they close the book?

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The Ending: Is there a final twist, surprise, or closing thought?

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The Ending: Any hints about what might come next for the hero?



Congratulations!

You've mapped out your story's journey from start to finish. Remember, plotting is a tool to guide you, not a rule to confine you.

Feel free to add your unique twists and turns along the way. Your story is yours to create, so keep that creativity flowing!

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