



7-Act Story Structure Template

This story structure splits up your plot into easy-to-digest sections. Try to limit your responses to each act to one or two sentences, but this tends to vary depending on the complexity of the story.

1. The Hook

Introduce your main characters, the world, and their everyday life. This is the set-up and should establish what's the norm in your protagonist's life.

2. Plot Turn 1

The event or situation in which your protagonist is suddenly thrust into action, and the plot is set into motion. This is where your inciting incident occurs.



3. Pinch Point 1

Introduce the antagonist or the major conflict of the story and raise the stakes.

4. Midpoint

The middle of the book, in which your protagonist switches from reacting to actively taking action toward their goal.



5. Pinch Point 2

Things take a turn for the worse for your protagonist, and we reach our darkest hour. All seems lost.

6. Plot Turn 2

The protagonist rises from their defeat, usually discovering something that helps them in their final conflict against the antagonist or the major conflict.



7. Resolution

The antagonist is defeated, and the conflict is resolved.
