A sword and open book with a black background

Description automatically generated**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.

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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.]

1. **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.]

1. **Pinch Point 1**

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

1. **Midpoint**

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

1. **Pinch Point 2**

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

1. **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.]

1. **Resolution**

[The antagonist is defeated, and the conflict is resolved.]