

The Story Plan Worksheet

A Practical Framework for Drafting and Revising Your Novel

Project Title:

Current Stage: ☐ Planning ☐ Drafting ☐ Revising ☐ Other: _____

Part 1: Assess

Start by identifying where you are in your writing project and what is currently challenging you.

What are you working on right now?

What feels stuck, confusing, or challenging?

What story craft questions are you juggling?

If you could solve one problem today, what would it be?

Part 2: List

Now that you've identified the challenges holding you back, make a list of possible solutions or ideas to explore.

My current story problem:

Possible solutions or ideas:

1.

2.

3.

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Part 3: Select

You don't have to solve every problem at once.

Which solution should you focus on first?

How could working on this open access to other areas of your story?

Part 4: Focus

Break the work into a manageable task.

What can you accomplish in 30 minutes?

What can you accomplish in an hour?

My focused task:

What part of the story will I work on?

- ☐ One scene
- ☐ One chapter
- ☐ Several scenes
- ☐ Other:

Part 5: Schedule

Now that you know what to do next, dedicate time to work on your story.

My next 1–3 action steps:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

When will I work on this?

Date: _____

Time: _____

Part 6: Accountability

Having someone on a similar journey to check in with can help fuel your writing goals.

Who can help me stay accountable?

What will I share or check in with them about?

My next accountability check-in:

Date: _____

With: _____

Keep Your Story Moving

Your Story Plan can help you break a large writing or revision project into focused, manageable tasks.

Progress isn't about fixing everything.

It's about knowing what to focus on developing next.

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