

SOLID STORY STRUCTURE

PLOT SKETCH TEMPLATE

ACT I

Opening scene (with mini-reader hook): _____

Inciting Incident – External event – **DISASTER #1**: _____

Plot Pt. I – (characters come together) Protagonist's Decision / Story goal:

ACT II (Part I)

Protagonist takes action / steps to overcome problems: _____

Pinch Point #1: _____

Temporary Triumph (right before Midpoint – characters connect and experience an External and Internal win!): _____

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ACT II (Part II)

Midpoint Reversal—reversal of previous triumph—something happens to change everything.

Now things are even worse! **DISASTER #2:** _____

Protagonist attempts to overcome more problems: _____

Pinch Point #2: _____

Calm before the storm – protagonist's glimpse of a HEA (Happily-Ever-After):

Black Moment – looks like all is lost! (protagonist's worst fears arise) **DISASTER #3:**

Plot Pt. II – Reversal of Plot Pt. I (characters driven apart/separate):

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ACT III

Revelation (new info revealed): _____

Decision & Gathering of the team/resources: _____

Climax – protagonist and antagonist (opposition) come face to face for a pivotal life-changing confrontation: _____

Resolution - Wrap-up of story and all subplots: _____

Final Image – show the protagonist is forever changed and is rewarded his HEA
“Happily Ever After” or prize for going on the story journey: _____

