

13 QUESTIONS to Help You Figure Out Your Story's PLOT!

What is life like for the main character before the story starts?

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How is the reader introduced to the main character?

1 Beginning of the Story (ACT 1)

How does the character 1st try (unsuccessfully) to deal w/ the challenge?

4 Beginning of ACT 2

What makes the main character want to give up completely?

7 Second Half of ACT 2

How is the main character growing as a person?

10 Beginning of ACT 3

What NEW challenge does the main character face?

2 (Inciting Incident in ACT 1)

How does the character continue to try to deal w/ the challenge?

5 More ACT 2

How does the main character find the strength to keep going?

8 Deeper into 2nd half of ACT 2

B/c of their growth, how does the character NOW face the challenge successfully?

11 ACT 3

How does the main character react to this new challenge?

3 (More ACT 1)

How do things get EVEN HARDER for the main character?

Middle of ACT 2
6 (The Story's Midpoint)

What big AH-HA! moment does character have to help them w/ the challenge?

9 End of ACT 2

What does the character's life look like now that they've dealt with the challenge?

12 End of ACT 3: END OF STORY!