

# Story outline

Answering these seven questions will create a story which follows the classic 3-act format.

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| <b>Part<br/>1</b> | <p><b>Opening scene</b> – Where are you? What are you doing?<br/><i>Defines the movie's time, place, theme and tone</i></p> <p><b>Cause incident</b> – What happens?<br/><i>The event that sets the plot in motion</i></p> <p><b>First turning point</b> – What do you do about it?<br/><i>The event that sets the hero on their journey</i></p> |
| <b>Part<br/>2</b> | <p><b>Confrontation and conflict</b> – What stops you?<br/><i>The heroine forges ahead on the mission but faces obstacles</i></p> <p><b>Defeat</b> – What is the worst outcome?<br/><i>The point at which all hope seems lost</i></p>  |
| <b>Part<br/>3</b> | <p><b>Second turning point</b> – What is your last chance for success?<br/><i>The life or death event that will test the hero's strength, resolve and moral courage</i></p> <p><b>Resolution</b> – What is the final outcome?<br/><i>The payoff in which the heroine either triumphs or sacrifices themselves for the greater good</i></p>       |

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