

# Plot

Plot is basically another word for story. Before you start writing your story, it's a good idea to know what happens. Write down the basic events in your story so you know where you're going. Before you write "Once upon a time," know that the hare is going to challenge the tortoise to a race, the hare is going to take a nap, and the tortoise is going to win the race.



Stories have a beginning, a middle, and an end. The beginning introduces your world and most or even all of your characters. The middle gives the characters things to do. What does your main character want? How do they go after it? What keeps them from getting it (at least for awhile)? The end of the story tells us whether the character got what they wanted and how. It also shows us how the character or maybe even the world changed.

Your turn! Write down the beginning, middle, and end of your plot:

## Beginning

Where and when the story happens: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Who are the characters: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Middle

What my protagonist wants: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What my character does to get it: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Who or what stands in their way: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

This happens first: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

This happens second: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

This happens third: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**End**

Does my character get what they want: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Why or why not: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How they get what they want or how they are prevented from getting it:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How my character or my world is different now: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_