

Worksheet: 3-Act Structure

Act 1 – Beginning

Introduce your character and their world

Who is your main character? What is their normal, everyday life like?

Inciting Incident

This is the moment that starts the story. Something happens that creates a problem, goal, or challenge for your character. What event changes their normal world?

Act 2 – Middle

Challenges and obstacles

This is the biggest part of your story. What problems or obstacles does your character face while trying to reach their goal?

Second act turn

This is the toughest moment in the story, things go wrong, or the character feels like giving up. What makes this their worst moment?

Act 3 – End

Climax

This is the most exciting, tense, or important moment, the big showdown or final challenge. What happens in this moment?

Resolution

The story wraps up. The main question or problem is solved. Your character returns to their life, but something about them has changed or grown. How does the story end? What is different now?
