

OPENING DEVELOPMENT, RESOLUTION (3-act Structure)

1. Opening (Set-up):

- Main character and setting are established
- Able to identify a need or desire for change in the main character
- Act one ends with the *inciting incident*- the event that requires the character to undertake their journey.

2. Development (Conflict)

- To achieve their goal, the character must overcome obstacles
- Each decision the character makes results in positive or negative outcomes
- When the greatest obstacle arrives for the character they must take one final risk to achieve their goal

3. Resolution

- The Character either succeeds or fails in reaching their desired goal
- The Character has changed permanently for better or worse
- The Character learns something about the world or themselves.

Key Questions for narrative development:

Opening:

- Who is your character?
- Where and when does your story take place?
- What does your character need or want to change?

Development:

- Who or what is standing in the way of your character getting what they need or want?
- What risk does your character take to finally overcome this problem?

Resolution

- Does the character get what they need or want?
- Has their life changed for the good or the bad?
- What does the character learn?

