

Story Outline

Write at least one sentence for each of these seven questions.

Part 1

Opening scene – Where are you? What are you doing?

Defines the movie's time, place, theme and tone

Cause incident – What happens?

The event that sets the plot in motion

First turning point – What do you do about it?

The event that sets the hero on their journey

Part 2

Confrontation and conflict – What stops you?

The heroine forges ahead on the mission but faces obstacles

Defeat – What is the worst outcome?

The point at which all hope seems lost

Part 3

Second turning point – What is your last chance for success?

The life or death event that will test the hero's strength, resolve and moral courage

Resolution – What is the final outcome?

The payoff in which the heroine either triumphs or sacrifices themselves for the greater good

