

How to Write a Book in 30 Days worksheets

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1: Character sketch

Title

Character name

Nickname

Birth date/place

Character role

Physical descriptions

Age

Race

Eye colour

Hair colour/style

Build (height/weight)

Skin tone

Style of dress

Characteristics and mannerisms:

Personality traits

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Background

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Internal conflicts

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External conflicts

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Occupation/education

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Miscellaneous notes

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2B: Character setting sketch

Title

Character name

General settings for character

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Character's home

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Surroundings

City or town

Neighbourhood

Street

Neighbours

Home

Home interior

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Character's workplace

Business name

Type of business

City or town of business

Neighbourhood

Street

Individual workspace

Co-workers

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Miscellaneous notes

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3: Research list

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Material to research for the book

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4: Plot sketch

Title

Story goal

Romance thread
(optional)

Subplot threads 1
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Additional
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Plot tension
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Romantic/sexual tension
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Release
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Downtime
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Black moment
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Resolution
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After effects of resolution
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8: Interview questions

Title

Interviewee

Question 1
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Chapter(s)/page(s) where answer is needed

Facts or information I may need during the interview
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Answer
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Question 2
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Chapter(s)/page(s) where answer is needed

Facts or information I may need during the interview
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Question 3
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Chapter(s)/page(s) where answer is needed

Facts or information I may need during the interview
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9: Dialogue sheet

Title:

Character

Dialogue specifics

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Other mannerisms or character tags

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Character

Dialogue specifics

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Other mannerisms or character tags

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13: Story evolution The beginning

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1. Conflict is introduced Detail the major conflict

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2. Story goal is introduced Detail the major story goal

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3. Characters are outfitted for their tasks

List and briefly describe the characters who will be involved in reaching the story goal and defeating the conflict.

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Detail each character's strengths and weaknesses

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13: Story evolution The middle (1/3)

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1. Characters design short-term goals to reach the story goal

Character 1: Briefly describe first short-term goal and how character will reach it

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Character 2 (optional): Briefly describe first short-term goal and how character will reach it

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Additional characters (optional): Briefly describe first short-term goal and how characters will reach it

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2. Quest to reach the story goal begins Briefly detail the events that take place

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3. First short-term goals are thwarted Briefly detail the events that take place

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4. Characters react with disappointment

Character 1: Briefly describe reaction

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Character 2 (optional): Briefly describe reaction

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Additional characters (optional): Briefly describe reaction

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5. Stakes of the conflict are raised

Detail new stakes of the conflict and how they affect all subplots

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6. Characters React to the Conflict

Character 1: Briefly describe reaction to the conflict

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Character 2 (optional): Briefly describe reaction to the conflict

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Additional characters (optional): Briefly describe reaction to the conflict

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13: Story evolution The middle (2/3)

7. Characters revise old or design new short-term goals

Character 1: Briefly describe new short-term goal and how character will reach it

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Character 2 (optional): Briefly describe new short-term goal and how character will reach it

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Additional characters (optional): Briefly describe new short-term goal and how characters will reach it

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8. Quest to reach the story goal is continued

Briefly detail the events that take place

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9. Short-term goals are again thwarted

Briefly detail the events that take place

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10. Characters react with disappointment

Character 1: Briefly describe reaction

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Character 2 (optional): Briefly describe reaction

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Additional characters (optional): Briefly describe reaction

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11. Stakes of the conflict are raised

Detail new stakes of the conflict and how they affect all subplots

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12. Characters react to the conflict

Character 1: Briefly describe reaction to the conflict

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Character 2 (optional): Briefly describe reaction to the conflict

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Additional characters (optional): Briefly describe reaction to the conflict

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** Items 7 through 10 can repeat here. This section of the cycle can repeat several times throughout the course of your novel as your characters readjust their short-term goals in order to meet their objectives.*

13: Story evolution The middle (3/3)

13. Downtime begins

Detail the events that lead to downtime

Character 1: Briefly describe reaction to these events

Character 2 (optional): Briefly describe reaction to these events

Additional characters (optional): Briefly describe reaction to these events

14. Characters revise old or design new short-term goals with renewed vigor

Character 1: Briefly describe desperate short-term goal and how character will reach it

Character 2 (optional): Briefly describe desperate short-term goal and how character will reach it

Additional characters (optional): Briefly describe desperate short-term goal and how characters will reach it

15. The quest to reach the story goal continues, but instability abounds

Briefly detail events that take place

16. The black moment begins

Briefly detail the events that take place and how they affect all subplots

17. The characters react to the black moment

Character 1: Briefly describe reaction

Character 2 (optional): Briefly describe reaction

Additional characters (optional): Briefly describe reaction

13: Story evolution The end (1/2)

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1. A pivotal, life-changing event occurs Detail this event and how it affects all subplots

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2. Characters modify short-term goals one last time

Character 1: Briefly describe final short-term goal and how character will reach it

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Character 2 (optional): Briefly describe final short-term goal and how character will reach it

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Additional characters (optional): Briefly describe final short-term goal and how characters will reach it

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3. The showdown begins Detail the showdown including all main characters who are involved

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4. The opposition is vanquished and the conflict ends Detail how this happens

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5. The story goal is achieved Detail resolution plot and all subplots

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13: Story evolution The end (2/2)

6. Characters react to the resolution of the plot and subplots

Character 1: Briefly describe reaction to the end of the conflict

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Character 2 (Optional): Briefly describe reaction to the end of the conflict:

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Additional Characters (Optional): Briefly describe reactions to the end of the conflict:

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7. The relationship black moment is addressed (romance novels only)

Character 1: Briefly describe reaction

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Character 2 (optional): Briefly describe reaction:

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8. Characters revise their life goals

Character 1: Briefly describe life goal

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Character 2 (optional): Briefly describe life goal

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Additional characters (optional): Briefly describe life goals

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9. Possible re-emergence of the conflict or opposition

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