

Three Act Structure

Stories are always divided into three acts. The **BEGINNING** includes the character, setting and the reason for the character's problem. The **MIDDLE** section is where the action of the story happens. The problems tend to get bigger at this point. This is where you should add in your other characters to help or cause conflict. At the end of the Middle, the most exciting part of the story emerges, the climax. The **END** of the story includes the resolution and the lesson is learned. This is where we can see that the character has changed. Now it's time to put your story ideas in order on the next page.

Conflict

The character's problems that they are trying to overcome.

Climax

The **BIG** finish. The story is over after the climax. Remember, this happens at the very end of Act 2.

Resolution

The way the character solves the problem.



Beginning: Act I (Introduction)

Middle: Act 2 (Development)

End: Act 3 (Resolution)

