

The ABCs of Story Telling

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What IS a Story?

- A story is a narrative tale told with a beginning, middle and end.
- A potentially slow start, rising action, climax, and finally falling action.
- Typically three or more acts

Scaffolding your Story

- Scaffolding: The concept of creating a single, central theme and building your story around that.
- Do you have a set beginning and/or a set end for your story?
- How do you intend to get from one to the other?
- Keep in mind the process of the story can change as you write the body.

Types of stories

- Casual/ slice of life
- Romance
- Action adventure
- Horror/thriller
- Psychological or surreal

Rising Action

- The buildup to the climax
- Things often start to go wrong/the stakes are raised.
- Make the reader invested and eager to know what happens next!

The Climax

- The culmination of everything that has occurred in the rising action
- A sense of finality.
- Though the story may continue for a bit afterwards, the main threads are generally wrapped up here.