

**Title:**

**Part I: The Beginning**

**1. Conflict Is Introduced**

Detail the major conflict:

**2. Story Goal Is Introduced**

Detail the major story goal:

**3. Characters Are Outfitted for Their Task**

List and briefly describe the characters who will be involved in reaching the story goal and defeating the conflict. Detail each character's strengths and weaknesses:

1.

2.

3.

Additional:

## Part II: The Middle

### 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:

#### Character 2 (Optional):

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

#### Character 3 (Optional):

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

#### Additional Characters (Optional):

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

### 2. Quest to Reach the Story Goal Begins

Briefly detail the events that take place:

### 3. First Short-Term Goals Are Thwarted

Briefly detail the events that take place:

### 4. Characters React With Disappointment

#### Character 1:

Briefly describe reaction:

#### Character 2 (Optional):

Briefly describe reaction:

**Character 3 (Optional):**

Briefly describe reaction:

**Additional Characters (Optional):**

Briefly describe reaction:

**5. Stakes of the Conflict Are Raised**

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

**6. Characters React to the Conflict**

**Character 1:**

Briefly describe reaction to the conflict:

**Character 2 (Optional):**

Briefly describe reaction to the conflict:

**Character 3 (Optional):**

Briefly describe reaction to the conflict:

**Additional Characters (Optional):**

Briefly describe his reaction to the conflict:

**7. Characters Revise Old or Design New Short-Term Goals**

**Character 1:**

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

**Character 2 (Optional):**

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

**Character 3 (Optional):**

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

**Additional Characters (Optional):**

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

**8. Quest to Reach the Story Goal Is Continued**

Briefly detail the events that take place:

**9. Short-Term Goals Are Again Thwarted**

Briefly detail the events that take place:

**10. Characters React With Disappointment**

**Character 1:**

Briefly describe reaction:

**Character 2 (Optional):**

Briefly describe reaction:

**Character 3 (Optional):**

Briefly describe reaction:

**Additional Characters (Optional):**

Briefly describe reaction:

**11. Stakes of the Conflict Are Raised**

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

**12. Characters React to the Conflict**

**Character 1:**

Briefly describe reaction to the conflict:

**Character 2 (Optional):**

Briefly describe reaction to the conflict:

**Character 3 (Optional):**

Briefly describe reaction to the conflict:

**Additional Characters (Optional):**

Briefly describe reaction to the conflict:

*\* Items 7-10 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. 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:

**Character 3 (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:

**Character 3 (Optional):**

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

**Additional Characters (Optional):**

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

**15. The Quest to Reach the Story Goal Continues, But Instability Abounds**

Briefly detail the 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:

**Character 3 (Optional):**

Briefly describe reaction:

**Additional Characters (Optional):**

Briefly describe reaction:

**Part III: The End**

**1. A Pivotal, Life-Changing Event Occurs**

Detail this event and how it affects all subplots:

## 2. Characters Modify Short-Term Goals One Last Time

### Character 1:

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

### Character 2 (Optional):

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

### Character 3 (Optional):

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

### Additional Characters (Optional):

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

## 3. The Showdown Begins

Showdown details (including all main characters who are involved):

## 4. The Opposition Is Vanquished and the Conflict Ends

Details:

## 5. The Story Goal Is Achieved

Detail resolution plot and all subplots:

1.

2.

3.



Additional:

**6. Characters React to the Resolution of the Plot and Subplots**

**Character 1:**

Briefly describe reaction to the end of the conflict:

**Character 2 (Optional):**

Briefly describe reaction to the end of the conflict:

**Character 3 (Optional):**

Briefly describe reaction to the end of the conflict:

**Additional Characters (Optional):**

Briefly describe reactions to the end of the conflict:

**7. The *Relationship* Black Moment Is Addressed (Romance Novels Only)**

**Character 1:**

Briefly describe reaction:

**Character 2:**

Briefly describe reaction:

**8. Characters Revise Their Life Goals**

**Character 1:**

Briefly describe life goal:

**Character 2 (Optional):**

Briefly describe life goal:

**Character 3 (Optional):**

Briefly describe life goal:

**Additional Characters (Optional):**

Briefly describe life goals:

**9. Possible Reemergence of the Conflict or Opposition**