

Hero's Journey Storyboard Template

Story title:

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Step One: Character Development

In the following boxes, list your characters and the characteristics that define them.

	<u>Name, physical traits, and personality</u>	<u>What role do they serve in the story? How do they change from beginning to end?</u>
Hero		
Mentor		
Herald		
Shape Shifter		
Shadow		

Trickster		
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Step Two: Central Theme

What core ideas are you trying to communicate with your story? List them here.

As you move through your template, think about how each stage and literary element informs your central theme.

Step Three: Settings

Where does your story take place? What does the “ordinary world” look like? Use this section to explore the settings of your story.

Act One	
Where is it?	What does it look, sound, smell like?

<u>Act Two</u>	
Where is it?	What does it look, sound, smell like?

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Step Four: Symbolism

Think about the objects your hero encounters along the way. Is there a special item they're fighting for? Something they get saddled with against their will? A precious treasure they're entrusted with? Then, think about what these items might mean for the protagonist's journey.

<u>Object (treasure map, diary, antidote, etc)</u>	<u>Symbolic meaning (courage, coming of age, avarice, etc)</u>

Step Five: The 12 Stages of the Hero's Journey

For each of these story beats, write a short description of what happens. It's okay if you don't know every one right away; you can fill it out as you explore your story's world.

Act One

<p>The ordinary world:</p> <div style="height: 50px;"></div>

Call to adventure:

Refusal of the call:

Meeting the mentor:

Act Two

Crossing the threshold:

Tests, allies, and enemies:

Approach to the inmost cave:

The ordeal:

Act Three

The reward:

The road back:

Resurrection:

Return with the elixir:

Step Six: The New World

What has your protagonist learned through their journey? How have they grown? Use this step to ensure you have a rich, dynamic character arc.

<u>My hero before: (e.g. insecure, dependent, and cowardly)</u>	<u>My hero after: (e.g. confident, independent, and courageous)</u>