

My novel outline

Remember this is only to help you along the process of writing your novel. Feel free to amend any of these notes as you go along, or produce additional outline documents to reflect any changes that arise. (And they will!)

	Briefly summarise your book here – genre, beginning and end
Character	
Setting	
Motive	
Inciting incident	
Change	
Plot developments	
Crisis point	
Resolution	
Theme	

Basic structure

In broad strokes, write down the main plot points for each act of your story below. Then, zoom in a little to summarise what happens to get from each point to the next. And again. Can you see a clear pattern of rising and falling action? You could even break it down to summarise each chapter here. Every plot is different, but Act Two is usually longer than the others.

Chapter plan

Act one (set up):

Act two (rising action):

Act three (climax and resolution)