

# PLOT PREMISE WORKSHEET

DETAILS	
Story Title	
Setting	
Plot Type	
Hero & Motivation	
Rival & Motivation	
Notes	

PLOT TYPES	
Name	Description
Mystery	A puzzle to be solved. Examples: crime drama, murder mystery
Rescue	The hero must retrieve something or someone from the villain. Example: rescuing a kidnapped princess
Escape	The hero escapes from something or someone. Example: a prison break
Chase	One character chases another. Example: detective catching a known crook
Rivalry	The hero fights against an equal or superior rival. Examples: court room drama, revolutionaries
Revenge	Hero seeks revenge outside official channels Example: vigilante justice
Transformation	The hero changes. Can be external or internal. Examples: Beauty and the Beast, Shrek, My Fair Lady
Love	Two characters fall in love. Happy ending not mandatory. Examples: Romeo & Juliet, rom-coms
Coming-of-age	An adolescent character grows up. Example: most teen fiction
Adventure	The hero goes on a journey to find wisdom or fortune (journey is the focus)
Quest	The hero goes on a journey to find wisdom or fortune (hero is the focus)
Temptation	Hero gives into and overcomes temptation. Example: Pandora's Box
Sacrifice	Hero gives up something in exchange for something else. Examples: Casablanca, The Little Mermaid
(Self-)Destruction	Hero begins a downward spiral. Hero may or may not overcome it. Examples: Othello, Macbeth
Rise and fall	A hero starts with nothing and rises to fame (rags-to-riches) OR starts with everything and loses it all (fall from grace).