

## Basic Story Questions

**Title:**

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| Whose story is this?                                                                       | Who has the main POV? Or does it switch off? |
| What does the protagonist want?                                                            |                                              |
| What is at stake?                                                                          |                                              |
| How are the stakes being raised?                                                           |                                              |
| Is there a ticking time bomb? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No     | What is it?                                  |
| What are the complications?                                                                |                                              |
| What are the options?                                                                      |                                              |
| How are the options eliminated one by one?                                                 |                                              |
| Who is the worthy opponent?                                                                |                                              |
| What do they want?                                                                         |                                              |
| How does this conflict with what the protagonist wants?                                    |                                              |
| What is the through-line (i.e. answer to question of what happened to the main character)? |                                              |
| What is the climax?                                                                        |                                              |
| What is the over-riding theme?                                                             |                                              |