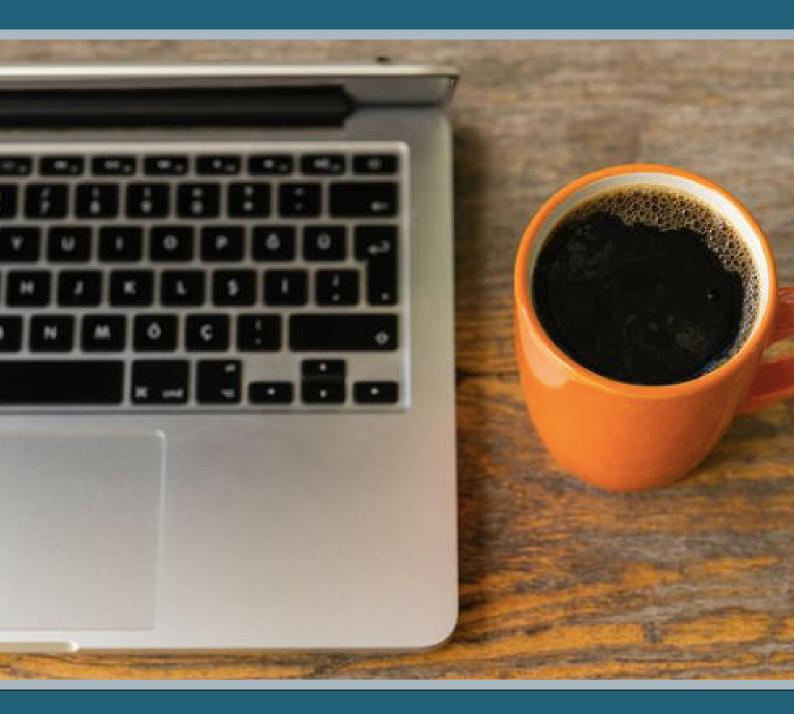
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A step-by-step guide to plotting, planning and writing your novel



PLANNING YOUR NOVEL

The aim of this stage is to figure out when and how you're going to do this - to make sure you move from dreaming to writing to finishing.



1. SET YOUR EXPECTATIONS

Tell yourself you're going to write a novel and commit to it
 Give yourself a realistic deadline (hint: a month isn't going to cut it)
 Identify your strengths (eg: character, descriptive details, action)
 Take the pressure off yourself and get excited about your story
 Buckle in for the long haul!

2. AUDIT YOURSELF

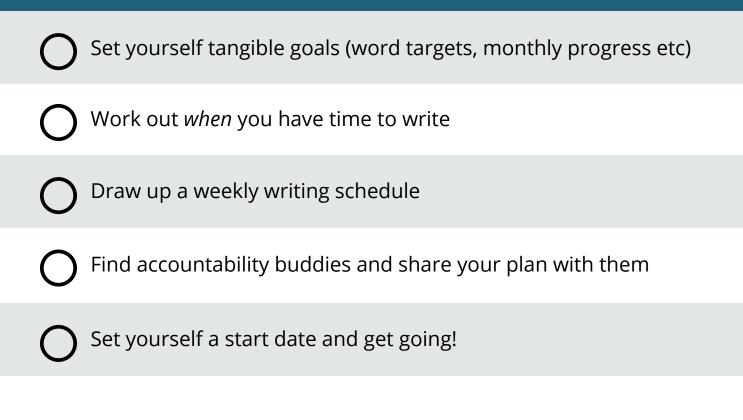
Index what you already have - ideas, notes, research etc

Decide if your idea will keep your interest for long enough

Identify areas/skills that need development

Get your inner critic in check and double check that realistic deadline!

3. TIMETABLE YOURSELF



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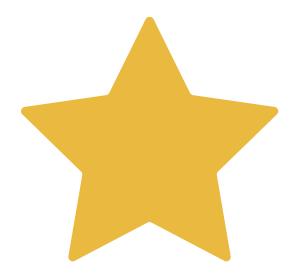
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HOLY WOW! You've finished the first stage. Congratulations. Gold star for you



PLOTTING YOUR NOVEL

The aim of this stage is to have a clear idea of what you're writing - from characters to plot so you can jump in with confidence.



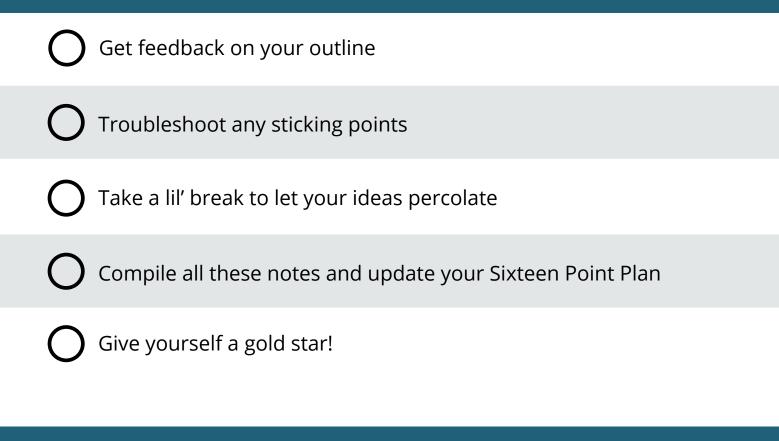
4. OUTLINE YOUR STORY

- Write down everything you know about your story so far
 Workshop and develop your ideas (in your head or with writing buddies)
 Write a Four Point Plan for your story
 - Expand into a Seven Point Plan

5. GET DEEPER

- Get to know your characters
 - Develop a comprehensive Sixteen Point Plan
- Break down your outline into a scene-by-scene list
 - Make a list of topics and details to research
 - Stop freaking out. You don't need to know EVERYTHING yet!

6. REVIEW



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Finished round two? Yes mate! Keep on keeping on...



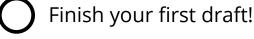
WRITING YOUR NOVEL

The aim of this stage is to get your words on the page, from the beginning to the end of your story. A complete first draft.



7. DRAFTING

0	Pick a starting point and dive in - don't fear the blank page!
0	Give yourself the freedom to explore beyond your outline and work towards an imperfect 'zero' draft
0	Tweak your writing timetable to suit your routine
0	Cultivate a solid, dedicated writing habit and keep going!
0	Regularly revisit your plan and compare to your growing draft
0	Identify your sticking points and unstick 'em
0	Develop and deepen your story with subplots, characterisation, and a strong narrative voice



Share with writing buddies and beta readers for feedback

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OH MY GAWDDD You are a magestic writing beast! You have written a first draft!



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