Plotting Template

- **Act 1**
  - Opening Image
    - First impression
    - Set the tone and mood
    - Starting point of hero
    - Be able to tie to Final Image (Act 3)
  - Theme Stated
    - Supporting character states the theme
    - Prove or disprove
  - Set Up
    - Hero
    - Stakes
    - Goals
    - Introduce all characters
    - Show what needs fixing in the hero's life
  - Catalyst
    - Inciting Incident
    - Knock away the ordinary world
    - Send characters on the journey
    - The Call
  - Debate
    - Refusal of the Call
    - Crazy to continue
    - No choice
    - Show goal as insurmountable
  - **Break into Two**
    - TURNING POINT
    - Cross the first threshold
    - Enter "new world"
    - Transition
- **Act 2.1**
  - B Story
    - Subplot
    - Love interest
    - Relief from main story
    - Still carries theme
    - Breather (may be comedic)
  - Fun and Games
    - Many scenes
    - The promise of the premise
    - Heart of the story
    - Candybar scenes
  - **Midpoint**
    - TURNING POINT
    - False victory (up) or false defeat (down)
    - Raise stakes again
- **Act 2.2**
  - Bad Guys Close In
    - Antagonist regroups and attacks harder
    - Internal dissent, doubt, jealousy increase
    - Forces tighten their grip
    - Net closes, trap
  - All is Lost
    - Opposite of midpoint
    - Whiff of death
  - Dark Night of the Soul
    - Character feels all the lost and cost
    - Darkest night before the dawn
  - **Break into 3**
    - TURNING POINT
    - B Story ties to main plot and gives hero the solution
    - Apply what the hero has learned
- **Act 3**
  - Finale
    - Apply lessons learned
    - Wrap up theme and premise
    - Synthesis: old world has ended, new world begins
    - Dispatch bad guys
    - Hero changes the world
  - Final Image
    - Opposite of opening image
    - Proof that change has occurred
    - Final theme
    - Full circle
- **Characters**
  - Hero
    - Basic Details
    - GMC
    - Dark Secret
    - Greatest Fear
    - Mask
    - Need
    - Tie to Theme
    - Static Trait
    - Oxymoron
  - Heroine
    - Basic Details
    - GMC
    - Dark Secret
    - Greatest Fear
    - Mask
    - Need
    - Tie to Theme
    - Static Trait
    - Oxymoron
  - Antagonist
    - Basic Details
    - GMC
    - Dark Secret
    - Greatest Fear
    - Mask
    - Need
    - Tie to Theme
    - Static Trait
    - Oxymoron
  - Supporting Characters
- THEME