

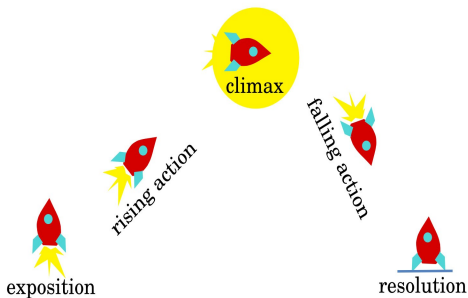
NaNoWriMo Space Tours Travel Guide & Hipster PDA 2016

National Novel Writing Month
nanowrimo.org

Events: naperwrimo.org/events
Crawl: naperwrimo.org/crawl
Writing Journey: writingjourney.org

The Naperville region (aka
NaperWriMo) serves the cities and
suburbs west of Chicago:
nanowrimo.org/regions/usa-illinois-naperville

See the five point plot structure!



exposition: draw the reader in, identify with the hero.

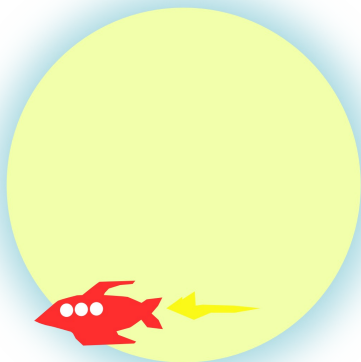
conflict: all characters introduced; they struggle against each other.

rising action: inciting incident causes the MC to take action, working towards their goal.

climax: MC makes the big decision that defines the outcome AND who they are as a person.

falling action: character actions resolve the problem (antagonist is on top for part of this).

resolution: conflict officially ends; you can choose to show what happens after.



“I try to trace the connection between the characters and that way a story or plot emerges.” - Anita Desai

“If I had a plot that was all set in advance, why would I want go through the agony of writing the novel? A novel is a kind of exploration and discovery, for me at any rate.” - Chaim Potok

*Visit the planet of **Character Creation!***

goals

vices

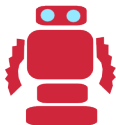
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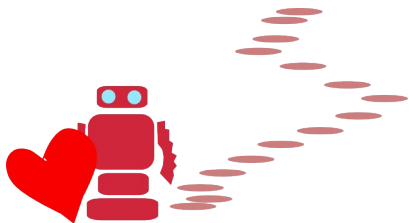
appearance

role in
the story

character
creation



“First, find out what your hero wants, then just follow him!” – Ray Bradbury

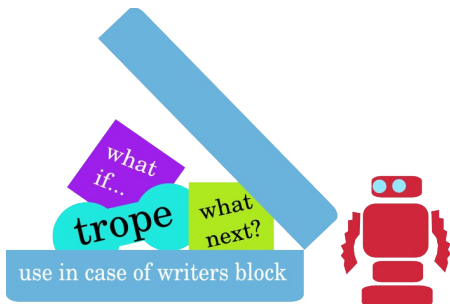


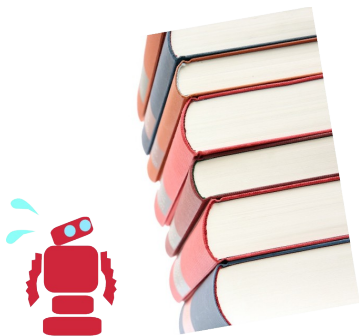
“Begin with an individual, and before you know it you have created a type; begin with a type, and you find you have created – nothing.” – F. Scott Fitzgerald

*How to pack for **Writer's block***

Inevitably, every adventure hits a block. Have some handy tools ready so you can get back on the trail!

- Write something completely different
- Write ahead
- Ask yourself, “What am I trying to accomplish?”
- Use an escape (t)rope--lazy writing is better than no writing!



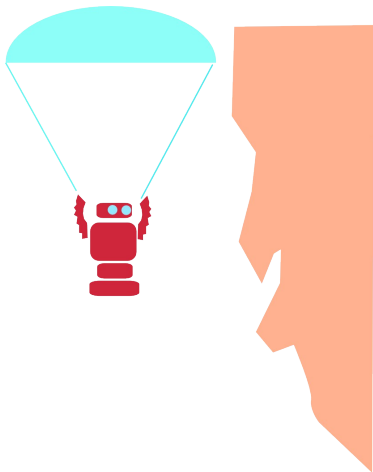


“Writer's block is just another name for fear.” — Jacob Nordby

“Confront the page that taunts you with its whiteness. Face your enemy and fill it with words. You are bigger and stronger than a piece of paper.”— Fennel Hudson

Marvel at the "First Drafting" Cliffs!

- What's more important: The story, or the words?
- Don't be afraid to repeat yourself
- Write fast--if you feel like the story is getting out of control, you're doing it right.



“Writing a crappy book is far better than writing no book. And by allowing yourself to write that crappy book, you’re paving the way to write the book that meets your expectations.”

-Hersey

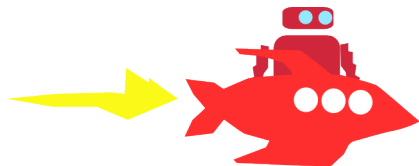
“Let it go!” -Elsa

Get it down. Take chances. It may be bad, but it’s the only way you can do anything really good. – William

Faulkner

It is perfectly okay to write garbage—as long as you edit brilliantly. – C. J.

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Don't miss the Inspiration for writing!

"If you wait for inspiration to write you're not a writer, you're a waiter." — Dan Poynter

Don't Tell Me the Moon Is Shining;
Show Me the Glint of Light on
Broken Glass -- Anton Chekhov

The scariest moment is always just before you start. After that, things can only get better."

Stephen King,

If I waited till I felt like writing, I'd never write at all.
Anne Tyler

"No tears in the writer, no tears in the reader. No surprise in the writer, no surprise in the reader." — Robert Frost

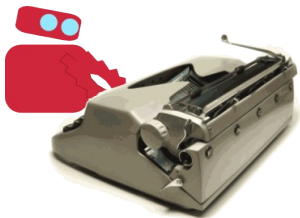
“Google the name Prometheus, and see how often it has been given to innovations in many different fields, notably science, medicine and space exploration. The fire he stole can be seen, too, as the spark generating all artistic creativity.” Neil MacGregor

“I have learned to use the word ‘impossible’ with the greatest caution.” Wernher von Braun

“For my part I know nothing with any certainty but the sight of the stars makes me dream.” — Vincent Van Gogh



CAUTION: Novelist at Work



Bystanders may be written
into the story