

"PLOT PATTERNS"

The main character wants something. He/she sets out to get it, encountering obstacles along the way. He/she overcomes the obstacles and gets what he/she wants.

- What does he/she want? Why?
- What are the obstacles? How does he/she overcome them?
- How does he/she feel when he/she finally gets what he/she wants?

The main character wants something. He/she overcomes all of the obstacles and gets what he/she wants. Then he/she loses it.

- What does he/she want? Why?
- What are the obstacles? How does he/she overcome them?
- How does he/she feel when he/she finally gets what he/she wants?
- How does he/she lose what he/she gained?
- How does he/she feel when he/she loses it?

The main character wants something. He/she overcomes all of the obstacles and gets what he/she wants. Then he/she realizes that what he/she wanted wasn't so wonderful after all.

- What does he/she want? Why?
- What are the obstacles? How does he/she overcome them?
- How does he/she feel when he/she finally gets what he/she wants?
- How does he/she discover that what he/she wanted wasn't so wonderful?
- How does he/she feel at the end?

The main character wants something. He/she tries to overcome all of the obstacles, but he/she can't get what he/she wants. In the end, he/she doesn't care because he/she has gained something better.

- What does he/she want? Why?
- What are the obstacles? Why doesn't he/she overcome them?
- How does he/she feel when he/she doesn't get what he/she wants?
- What does he/she gain?
- How does he/she realize that what was gained was better than what was wanted in the first place?

The main character has something. He/she is motivated to give it up for the sake of someone else.

- What does he/she have? How did he/she get it?
- For whom will he/she make the sacrifice? Why?
- How does he/she make the sacrifice?
- How does the story end for the other character?
- How does the story end for the main character?

The main character is wronged by someone. Then he/she gets even.

- How is the main character wronged? By whom? Why?
- How does he/she get even?
- How does the story end for both characters?

The main character is faced with a mystery or puzzle. The character solves the mystery or puzzle.

- What is the mystery?
- How does the character find out about the mystery?
- What does the character do to solve the mystery?
- How does the story end for the character?