

For Plotters: Save the Cat! Story Structure Worksheet

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Complete the chart below to outline your story's plot. Additional worksheets are provided for multiple timelines below. If you're uncertain about a beat, you can leave it blank. For an explanation of Save the Cat! [view this video](#).

Opening Image (Visual of your MC in the beginning)	
Setup (MC's typical life and things that need fixing)	
Theme Stated (Subtle nod to what the MC needs to learn and how it's expressed)	
Catalyst (inciting incident or event that starts MC's journey)	
Debate (MC debating what to do or making a plan)	
Break into 2 (MC stepping out of comfort zone/into a new world)	

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B Story (New/Old characters to help MC learn theme)	
Fun & Games (Promise of the premise)	
Midpoint (Raised stakes or plot twist)	
Bad Guys Close In (The opposite of Fun & Games- for better or worse)	
All is Lost (MC's lowest point)	
Dark Night of the Soul (MC processing what's happened- often leads to an epiphany)	
Break into 3 (MC realizes what they must do and goes for it)	

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Finale (Final battles, confrontations, grand gestures)	
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