



Author Academy Writing Course

The A-Z of Getting Your Book Written & Publish
Ready!



Character Arcs



Why Character arcs are necessary to transform your stories

- ✓ Plot vs. Character
- ✓ Plot-driven
- ✓ Character-driven



Why Character arcs are necessary to transform your stories

- ✓ Theme
- ✓ Break down your story's 3 acts
- ✓ The nine most salient moments & turning points



Which character arc will you use

Let's discuss these a little more...

- ✓ Positive Change Arc - this is the most popular and resonant of all the variations of character arc



Which character arc will you use

- ✓ Flat Arc - this is the next most popular arc to the Positive Change Arc. The Flat Arc is about a character who does not change.



Which character arc will you use

- ✓ The Disillusionment Arc – This is a variation of the Negative Change Arc. The Disillusionment Arc isn't negative at all.



Which character arc will you use

- ✓ The Fall Arc – is the one we most commonly associate with tragedies.



Which character arc will you use

- ✓ The Corruption Arc – is where the character starts out in a world that already knows and embraces Truth.



Which character arc will you use

Your character begins your story in a less than good place, in which he/she believes a Lie that is holding him/her back

If so, he/she will be following one of these arcs:

- Positive Change Arc
- Disillusionment Arc
 - Fall Arc



Which character arc will you use

How does your story begin?

Your character begins your story in a comparatively good or happy place.

If so, he/she will be following one of these arcs:



- Flat Arc
- Disillusionment Arc
- Corruption Arc



Which character arc will you use

Your character begins your story in a comparatively less than good place, but already believes a Truth that has the potential to make him happy in spite of circumstances.

If so, he/she will be following one of these arcs:

- Flat Arc
- Corruption Arc



How Does Your Story End?

This is where you need to double check your answers from the questions you answered about how your story begins and compare them against the following:

- Positive Change Arc
 - Flat Arc
- Disillusionment Arc
 - Fall Arc
- Corruption Arc



Exercise One:

Drill down your final choice of character arc



Exercise Two to Fourteen:

Positive Change Arc





What's Next?

The Flat Arc