



# Author Academy Writing Course

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



## The Flat Arc

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## What is the Flat Arc Character?

- ✓ The character believes the truth
- ✓ They maintain the truth
- ✓ They use the truth to overcome the lie



## The truth your character believes

The protagonist already has a handle on the truth.



## The Normal World

Where the Flat Arc story opens with a symbol



## The Characteristic Moment

Know something about your protagonist



## The First Act

Your primary responsibility will be setting the stage for the coming conflict



## The First Plot Point

This major scene is the first turning point in your story.





## The First Half of the Second Act

The Flat Arc character is going to spend the First Half of the Second Act getting punished for believing the truth.



## The Midpoint

The midpoint is your story's centrepiece



## The Second Half of the Second Act

The Midpoint has changed everything for the protagonist.



## The Third Plot Point

The Third Plot Point is going to be her low moment – her breaking point.



## The First Half of the Third Act

The First Half of the Third Act will be all about the protagonist's reacting to the Third Plot Point.



## The Climax

**This is where your protagonist puts into play is final assault against the antagonistic force.**



## The Resolution

**As in any type of story, the Resolution exists to prove how the conflict has changed either the characters or the world.**



## Exercise One to Twelve:

### The Flat Arc







**What's Next?**

**The Negative Change  
Arc**