

SUMMARIZING THE PERFECT BOOK

Note: If you need help using this worksheet, check out

<http://letthewordsflow.wordpress.com/2010/11/24/how-to-write-a-1-page-synopsis/> for a full explanation.

1. Opening image

An image/setting/concept that sets the stage for the story to come.

2. Protagonist Intro

Who is the main character? Give 1-2 descriptive words and say what he/she wants.

3. Inciting incident

What event/decision/change prompts the main character to take initial action.

4. Plot point 1

What is the first turning point? What action does the MC take or what decision

does he/she make that changes the book's direction? Once he/she crossed this line, there's no going back.

5. Allies, enemies, and tests

Now in a new life, the MC meets new people, experiences a new life, and meets the antagonist/villain.

6. Midpoint

What is the middle turning point? What happens that causes the MC to make a 360 degree change in direction/change in emotion/change in anything? Again, once he/she has crossed this line, there's no going back.

7. Winning seems imminent, but...

What happens that makes the MC think he/she will win? She seems to have the upper hand, but then oh no! The antagonist defeats her and rushes off more powerful than ever before.

8. Black moment

The MC is lower than low, and he/she must fight through the blackness of his/her emotions to find the strength for the final battle. What happens here?

9. Climax

What happens in the final blow-out between the MC and the antagonist?

10. Resolution

Does everyone live happily ever after? Yes? No? What happens to tie up all the loose ends?

11. Final image

What is the final image you want to leave your reader with? Has the MC succumbed to his/her own demons or has he/she built a new life?
