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?