

Film It! Three-act structure

Here is a story that needs fixing. We've called this project The Time Machine (original title, we know). We'll use this story example throughout this screenwriting module, so you'll see it again.

We've broken down the story into seven key moments, and it's up to you to put the story back together in the right order from beginning, middle and end. Place a number 1-7 next to each plot point to get the story in order.

Number	Plot point
	Unfortunately, Alex's time machine is stolen by some 1918 bullies.
	Alex manages to get the time machine back off the bullies and punches in the year she's from.
	Suddenly she is back home in her own time. The next day she returns to school and introduces herself to people from her new school.
	Alex says goodbye to her old house and unhappily moves into her family's new town and new house.
	Under the floorboards of her new bedroom she stumbles across a time machine... She decides to use it to go back in time when she was home and with her friends. Instead of travelling to her preferred year though, she accidentally enters the year 1918.
	Now in 1918, Alex explores, confident she can just pop in a new date into the time machine and get home whenever she wants.
	Worried that she won't be able to get home to her own time, Alex chases the thieves.

Once you have the plot points in order, write down in which act you think each plot point belongs, in the beginning (act 1), middle (act 2) or end (act 3) of the story? Do this by simply writing in the number in the right hand column.

Three acts	Plot points #
Beginning - Act 1 Introduced to our character in their normal world A problem occurs, or a goal is set and spurs our character into action.	
Middle - Act 2 The character must try and solve a problem and or achieve their goal in front of them. They meet challenges and obstacles along the way.	
End - Act 3 The character solves the problem or achieves their goal. They have learnt a new skills life lessons along the way. All is resolved, but the normal world is not quite the same after their adventure, it's different because of the change that has occurred	