



Module Three

Handout: Introduction to story structure

Writing a good story often happens intuitively as you have been absorbing and learning Story since you entered this world. Think about how many stories you've consumed in your lifetime!

You are generally being entertained by stories, so probably haven't been studying story structure. But as you will learn in this module, most Western stories follow a very similar story structure. Learning this structure will help you write better stories. Most stories that are rejected by publishers don't quite hit all the key story points. So understanding story structure will increase your chances of getting published.

In this module, you will learn:

- about the 3-act story structure
- how to apply the 3-act story structure
- how to write a good beginning
- how to write a strong ending.

Hopefully, by the end of this module, you'll have an outline for your picture book story!

When you are reading or watching TV, see if you can identify the 3-act story structure. It'll help you when you are writing your own stories.

