**The Seven Step Story Structure:**

(1) Once upon a time there was a……… who …………

(2) And every day…

(3) Until one day…

(4) And because of this…………… but …………

(5) And because of that…………….but …………

(6) Until finally…

# (7) And ever since that day…

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| **Script Component** | **7 Step Story** | **Details** |
| ACT I  *Exposition* | **#1 Once upon a time…**  *Once upon a time there was a (protagonist) who (character trait)* | * Protagonist (who) * Character trait of protagonist |
| **#2 And every day…** | * Initial state, status quo |
| *Catalytic Event* | **#3 Until one day…** | * Introduce Change/Problem/Conflict |
| Act II | **#4 And because of this… but…**  And because of this, she… (action) but… (result) | * Protagonist works to:   + Change back to initial state   + Solve the problem   + Resolve the conflict * Actions taken by protagonist * Cause and effect relationship between each step * No new ideas not implied in steps 1-3 * Make it *active*, not passive |
| **#5 And because of that… but…**  *And because of that, she… (takes more dramatic action) but… (new result)* |
| *Climax* | **#6 Until finally…** | * Does the unexpected to solve the problem. Shows character change. * Resolution of change/problem/conflict * Point of maximum tension/excitement * Protagonist can’t die until this point |
| Act III | **#7 And ever since that day…** | Final state (compared to initial state)   1. Success/Happy 2. Success/Unhappy 3. Failure/Happy 4. Failure/Unhappy |