

WORKING TITLE BEAT SHEET

HOOK

What is the *cool idea*?

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CHARACTERS

Wants vs Needs

Name / Age	Wants v Needs	Description

BACKSTORY

What happened right before the story began?

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SETTING

Where does this story take place?

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ACT ONE (20%)

OPENING IMAGE

An opening snapshot. Typically a *single scene*.

Scene Description	Notes
	What does this accomplish? What do you need to remember?

THEME SHOWN

We are introduced to the central theme or lesson of the story. Typically a *single scene*.

Scene Description

SET-UP

The hero and the 'ordinary world' are introduced. Typically *multiple scenes*.

Scene Description	Notes

CATALYST

The inciting incident. Typically a single scene.

Scene Description	Notes

DEBATE

The hero is hesitant to take action. Typically multiple scenes.

Scene Description	Notes

BREAK INTO TWO

The hero takes up the challenge. Typically a single scene.

Scene Description	Notes

ACT TWO (60%)

MEAT OF THE PLOT

The hero in the throes of their journey. Typically multiple scenes.

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MIDPOINT

*The stakes are raised. Typically a **single scene**.*

<i>Scene Description</i>	<i>Notes</i>

DOWNHILL DESCENT

*Things start going downhill. Typically **multiple scenes**.*

<i>Scene Description</i>	<i>Notes</i>

ROCK BOTTOM

*Typically a **single scene**.*

<i>Scene Description</i>	<i>Notes</i>

DARK NIGHT OF THE SOUL

*Typically **multiple scenes**.*

<i>Scene Description</i>	<i>Notes</i>

BREAK INTO ACT THREE

*Typically a **single scene**.*

<i>Scene Description</i>	<i>Notes</i>

ACT THREE (20%)

FINALE

Lead up to the end. Typically *multiple scenes*.

Scene Description	Notes

FINAL IMAGE

Contrast or mirror of opening. Typically a *single scene*.

Scene Description	Notes