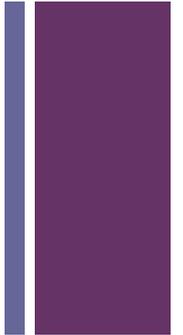


# + Writing Your First Book

Tools & Tips for narrative non-fiction.

- Narrative Arc
- Conflict
- Structure
- Chapter Cards
- Voice & Flow
- “The Crack”
- The Ideal Reader
- Just do it

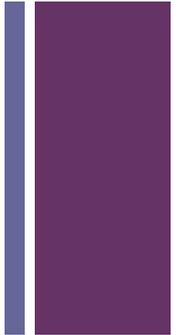


# + Narrative Arc

# = CHANGE



# + Conflict.

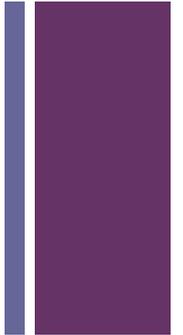


Conflict is the heart of drama.

No conflict? Cut it.

Or even better...look closer. Find it.

# + Chapter (or Scene) Cards



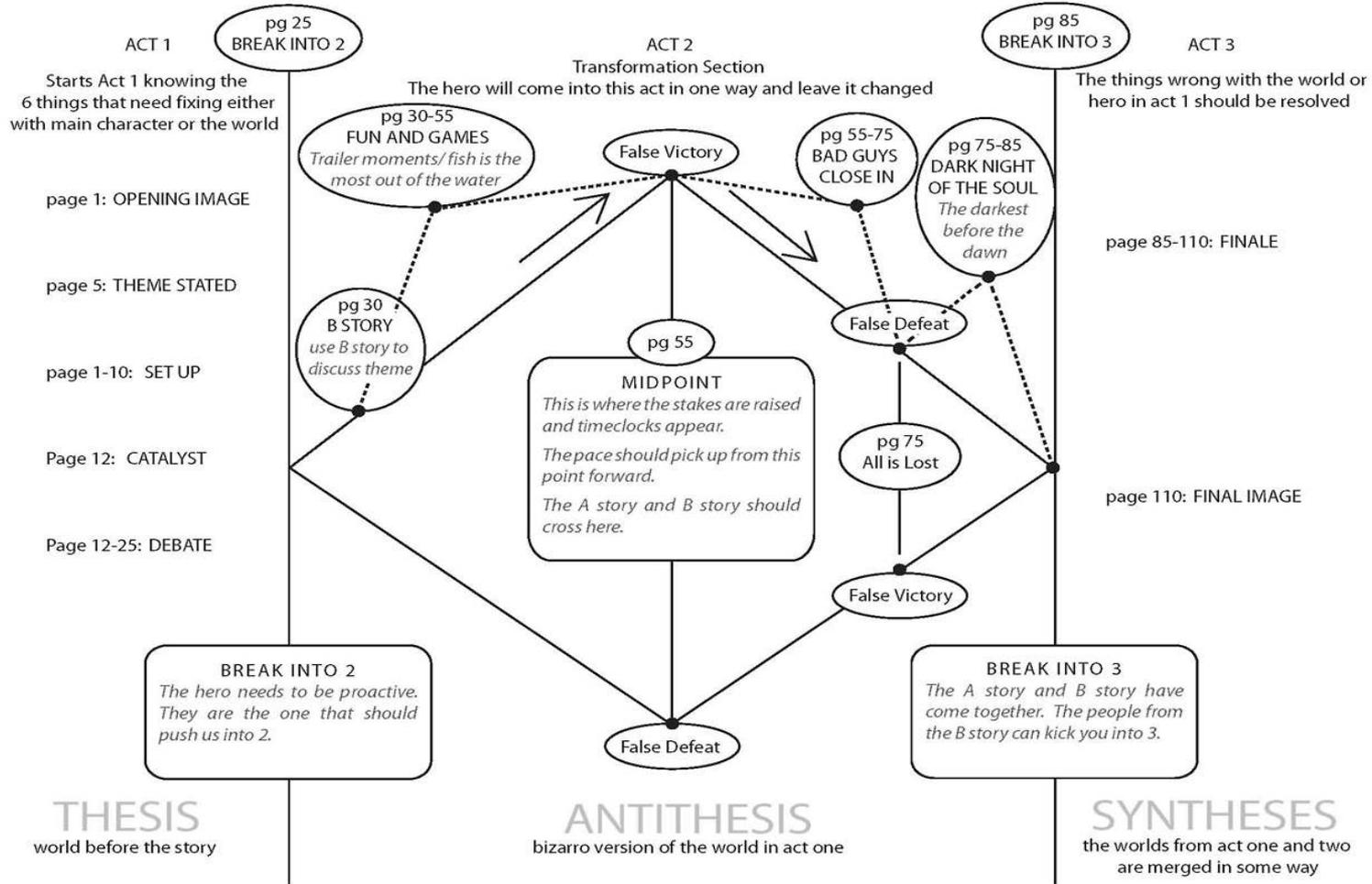
- Name of Chapter
- Description of basic scenario. 1 or 2 sentences.
- >< Conflict in scene
- +/- Net emotional change
- Optional: Opening Image & Closing Image



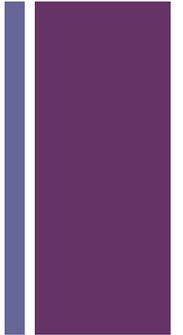
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## SCRIPT STRUCTURE



# + The Board.



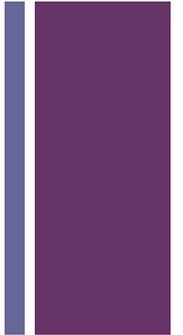
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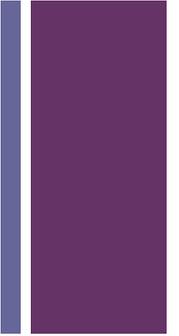
# The Crack

- What makes us love? Vulnerability. Make the reader love your characters.
- Identification over admiration.
- Don't lie. It's shitty writing.

“The astonishing, uplifting story of a real-life Indiana Jones and his humanitarian campaign to use education to combat terrorism in the Taliban’s backyard. Anyone who despairs of the individual’s power to change lives has to read the story of Greg Mortenson, a homeless mountaineer who, following a 1993 climb of Pakistan’s treacherous K2, was inspired by a chance encounter with impoverished mountain villagers and promised to build them a school.” Back cover of *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin



+ Voice.



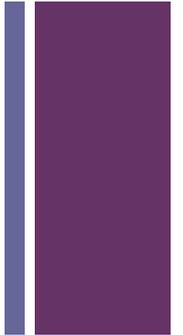
In every work of genius, we recognize  
our own rejected thoughts.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

# + Just do it. Go pro.

- “It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”

- Theodore Roosevelt



+ Finally, best writing tip ever....

**Shut up and write.**

