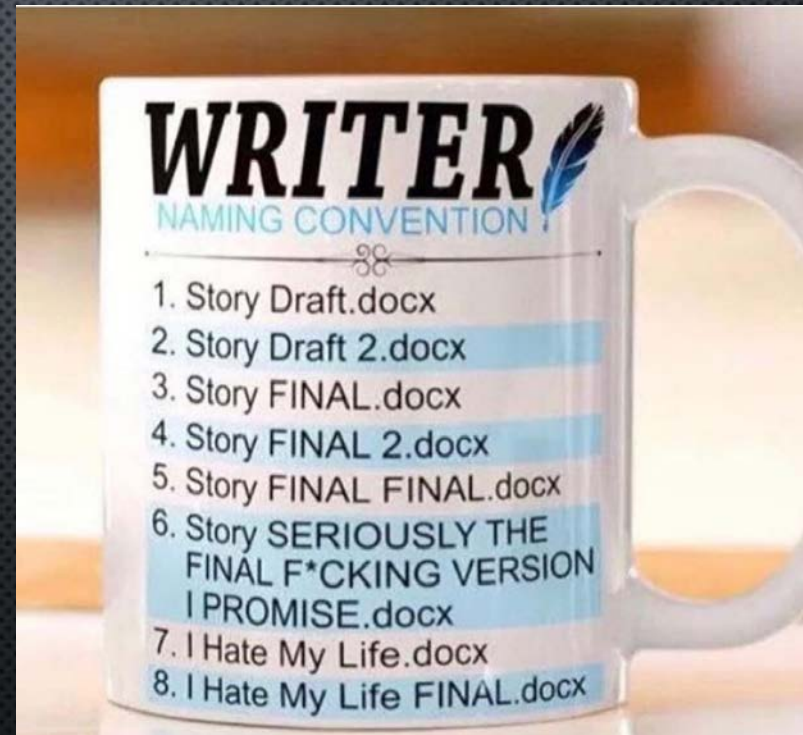


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SELECTED SLIDES: Week 4
SHARING YOUR STORY



PLOT

- It's what happens in the story
- It asks the central question
- It's presents the hero with the "Cs":
challenges, conflicts, complications and choices
- It's how theme is unveiled
- It's how character is revealed

Story

Act I Act II Act III

Scene Scene Scene Scene Scene Scene Scene Scene
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Plot vs. Plot Points

The **plot is a chain** of connected events that comprises the narrative.

Plot point

A **plot point** is a link in that chain that directly impacts what happens next in a story.

- **Moves** the story in a different direction
- **Impacts** character development
- **Forces** character to make a choice
- **Reveals** something important

Parts of a Screenplay

Elements

- Acts
- Sequences
- Scenes
- Beats

Meaning

Plot Points

What's the Plot? (External Want)

What's the Story? (Internal Need)

**Allow
yourself to be
a beginner.
No one starts
off being
excellent.**