

Novel Writing Checklist

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- ☐ Writing a Novel
 - ☐ Write regularly.
 - ☐ Set aside some time every day when you can work undisturbed.
 - ☐ Keep your writing equipment in your writing place.
 - ☐ Use household chores as thinking time.
 - ☐ Keep a daily log of your progress.
 - ☐ Create a quick outline to help organize and expand your original idea.
 - ☐ Develop a detailed "story plan checklist" to solidify your story's details.
 - ☐ Combine and effectively use tools like your outline and story checklist to weave together a cohesive draft.
 - ☐ Maintain consistent style, tone, and point of view.
- ☐ Novel Structure
 - ☐ Chapters are linked and they flow.
 - ☐ The first sentence or paragraph is a grabber.
 - ☐ The story starts in the right place.
 - ☐ The story fall broadly into three acts.
 - ☐ The general direction of the story 'up'.
 - ☐ The tension intensifying and the level of danger increasing.
 - ☐ The promises made to the reader through foreshadowing are kept.
 - ☐ All the plots and subplots are relevant.
 - ☐ Every scene has a purpose.
 - ☐ Every chapter end in a way that makes the reader want to turn the page.