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# Save the Cat Beat Sheet Template

Outlining a rich and well-balanced story has never been so simple. This template will help make sure you hit all the beats to make your story a success.

**NOTE**

Page number estimates are based on a 300-page manuscript. Feel free to adjust based on your page count!

## Opening Image (Pages 1-3)

Write two sentences to describe readers' immediate snapshot of the hero and their world.

## Theme Stated (Pages 15)

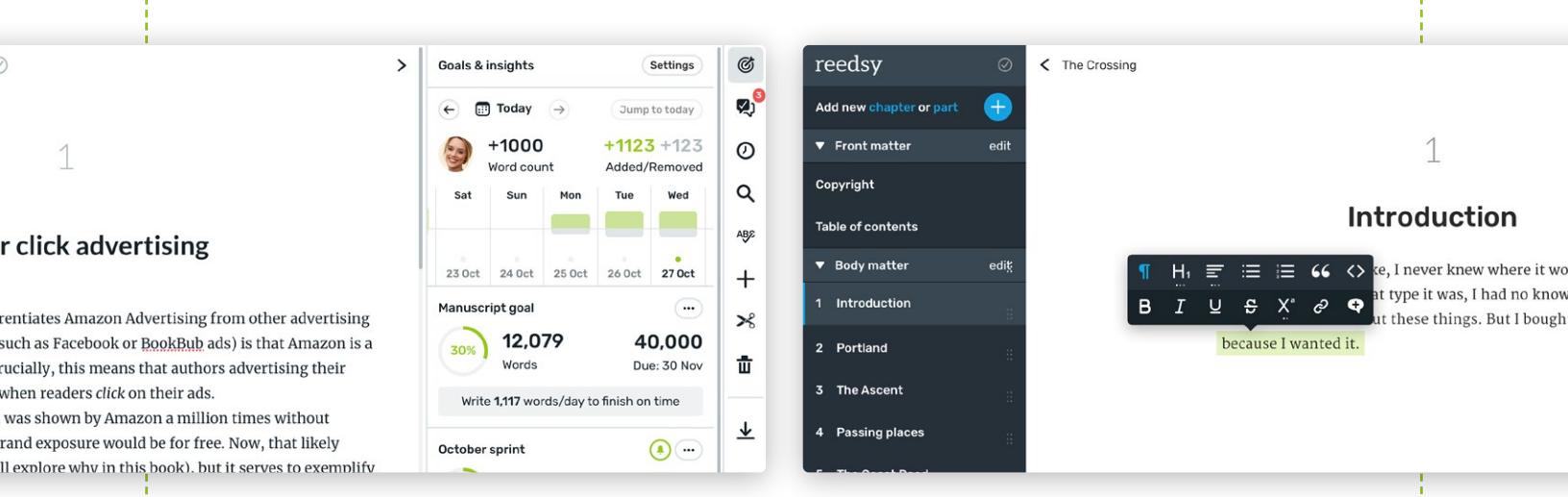
The statement that introduces the central theme or lesson for your hero.

## Set-up (Pages 1-30)

Write two sentences to describe your hero's 'ordinary world' and flaws.

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## Catalyst (Page 30)

Write two sentences to describe the event that launches the main action.

## Debate (Page 30-60)

Write two sentences to describe your hero's reaction to the catalyst.

## Break into Two (Page 60)

Write two sentences to describe your hero beginning their journey.

## B-Story Begins (Page 66)

Write two sentences to introduce a subplot and B character(s).



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## Fun and Games (Pages 60-150)

Write two sentences to describe the bulk of the action in your hero's journey.

## Midpoint (Page 150)

Write two sentences to describe the middle point of the story where stakes go up.

## Bad Guys Close In (Pages 150-225)

Write two sentences to describe where things start to go wrong for your hero.

## All is Lost (Page 225)

Write two sentences to describe the event that sends your hero to rock bottom.

## Dark Night of the Soul (Pages 225-240)

Write two sentences to describe your hero's reaction to their defeat.

## Break Into Three (Page 240)

Write two sentences in which your hero realizes the lesson they needed to learn.

## Finale (Pages 240-297)

Write two sentences to describe your hero resuming their journey with a new plan.

## Final Image (Pages 297-300)

Describe the final snapshot your readers will see.



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