



PLOT BUNNY  
PREP SCHOOL  
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## PLOT PATTERN

a low-fuss, high-impact  
plot development tool

**Project:**

**Predicament** (main source of tension):

**Protagonist** (chief agent of change):

### 1. **HOOK** (orientation): an imperfect world

*Use tension (thrills and threats) to introduce the protagonist's world, values, and problems.*

### 2. **DARE** (provocation): a fresh challenge

*Stage the event that will create or reveal the predicament, then motivate the protagonist to do something about it.*

### 3. **QUEST** (investigation): a perilous venture

*Force the protagonist to get smarter and stronger as the predicament gets bigger and thornier.*

### 4. **SHOCK** (revelation): a rude awakening

*Stage the stunning event that will deepen the protagonist's understanding of the predicament.*

### 5. **FIGHT** (confrontation): a decisive battle

*During the climactic power struggle, let the protagonist make the desperate decision that will end the predicament.*

### 6. **PRIZE** (destination): a new normal

*Show how the predicament has changed the protagonist's world, values, or problems.*