



Discussion Questions

How to Structure a Story

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- 1. Why is the idea of a “central question” so important to narrative structure?**
- 2. How do plot development and character development depend on each other?**
- 3. What might be the advantages and challenges of using a nonlinear or fractured structure instead of a linear one?**
- 4. How does the five-stage plot structure help build tension in a story?**
- 5. What distinguishes a positive, negative, and static character arc—and how might each affect a reader differently?**
- 6. When deciding between a plot-driven and character-driven story, what questions should a writer ask themselves?**
- 7. The text says structure strengthens creativity rather than limits it. Do you agree? Why or why not?**