

PLOTTING YOUR LIFE

Describe a life changing situation in your life where you consciously plotted what your series of actions would be in the hopes of getting a desired outcome. Did it help you? Explain:

LIFE TIP: When plotting actions in your own life always remember you can never determine the outcome, just try to direct it towards what you want. Be alert as you start to act to whatever comes up – as a path you never thought about might open up. Making a plan gives you motivation to move, but once you put yourself out there start to look at everything that comes your way with curiosity --- *Can it somehow help or teach you towards your goal?*

WRITING TIP: SAME AS ABOVE! Outline your plot, but as you write and research, allow yourself to be surprised by new ideas for how to get to your climax and conclusion.

“The main plot line is simple: Getting your character to the foot of the tree, getting him up the tree, and then figuring out how to get him down again.”

- Jane Yolen, Author

“There’s an old rule of theater that goes, ‘If there’s a gun on the mantel in ACT I, it must go off in ACTIII,’ The reverse is also true.” - Stephen King, Author

SIMPLE 'PLOTTING' EXERCISE

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1) In one line describe an important event that happened to you.

2) Describe (4) events that you think helped to lead up to the important event.

i.

ii.

iii.

iv.

“Don’t wait for inspiration. It comes while working.”

- Henri Matisse, Painter