

## Plot Development

- **Action and Reaction:** Characters reflecting on events that have taken place
- **Decisions:** Decisions made by characters can change the direction of the plot
- **Success and Failures:** A tension is created by success or failure of an action, this determines the course a plot takes or the course it avoids
- **Conflict:** Both the creation of conflict and its resolution can develop plot
- **Changes in Perspective:** The characters internal shift in perspective is often a vital source for revelations that deepen the plot

### **Prompts for Plot Development**

1. A problem that the character thought they had solved returns, more difficult and more urgent
2. A character (forcefully, eagerly, unwillingly?) assumes command
3. A character or event starts a ticking clock
4. A previously neutral character is drawn into the conflict
5. Show the consequences of failure

## Point of View

- **First person point of view.** First person is when “I” am telling the story. The character is *in* the story, relating his or her experiences directly.
- **Third person point of view, limited.** The story is about “he” or “she.” The narrator is outside of the story and relating the experiences of a character.
- **Third person point of view, omniscient.** The story is still about “he” or “she,” but the narrator has full access to the thoughts and experiences of *all* characters in the story.
  1. If you could swap bodies with someone, who would it be and what would you do?
  2. Create a new superhero!
  3. While following someone, they turn down a dark alley. When you get there, no one is there, but there is a note with a question and directions. What does it say?
  4. You’re in the wrong place at the wrong time.
  5. What if the Earth is like one of those uncontacted tribes in South America; the whole galaxy knows we’re here, but they’ve agreed not to contact us until we figure it out for ourselves.
  6. Write the backstory for one of your favourite video game characters, or write about what happened to them after the video game ended.