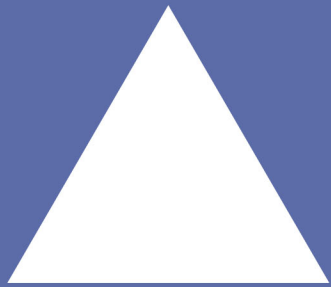


INGERMANSON'S SNOWFLAKE METHOD



1

Write a
one-sentence
summary

2

Expand the
sentence into
a paragraph

3

Make a summary
sheet for each
character

4

Expand the
paragraph into a
one-page synopsis

5

Write a synopsis
for each
character

6

Expand the
one-page synopsis
into a multi-page
synopsis

7

Make
character
profiles

8

List all the
scenes

9

Expand each scene's
description
(optional)

10

Write the
first draft

STEP 1 Write a one-sentence summary.



STEP 2 Expand your one-sentence summary into a full paragraph. Introduce the major plot points.



STEP 3

Make a summary sheet for each character.

Name:

Role:

Goal:

Ambition:

Values:

Conflict:

Epiphany:

One-sentence character summary:

One-paragraph character summary:

STEP 4 Expand the one-paragraph summary into a one-page synopsis.



STEP 5

Write a synopsis for each character.



STEP 6

Expand the one-page synopsis into a multi-page synopsis.

PAGE 1

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STEP 7

Make character profiles.

PERSONAL HISTORY

NAME

AGE

PLACE OF BIRTH

CURRENT LOCATION

NATIONALITY

EDUCATION

OCCUPATION

INCOME

FAMILY HISTORY

FAMILY MEMBERS

Father

Mother

Siblings

Children

Grandparents

Uncles

Aunts

Cousins

Others

EXTERNAL CHARACTERISTICS

SKIN COLOR
EYE COLOR
HAIR COLOR
HAIR STYLE
BUILD
DISTINGUISHING FEATURES
PREFERRED OUTFIT
ACCESSORIES
USUAL LEVEL OF GROOMING
TICS/MANNERISMS
GESTICULATION
HANDWRITING
GAIT
SPEECH
EYE CONTACT
POSTURE
HANDICAPS/CHRONIC ILLNESSES

PERSONALITY

TYPE OF CHILDHOOD
HOBBIES
ROLE MODELS
EARLIEST MEMORY
HAPPIEST MEMORY
SADDEST MEMORY
INTROVERTED OR EXTROVERTED
BIGGEST STRENGTH
BIGGEST FLAW
IDEA OF HAPPINESS
BIGGEST FEAR
BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT
GREATEST REGRET
SECRETS

CAPACITY FOR CHANGE

How much will this character change?

Does this character change the world and/or people?

Does this character change for the better or worse?

What inspires this change?

STEP 8

List all the scenes.

SCENE	POV CHARACTER	DESCRIPTION

STEP 9

Expand each scene's description (optional).

SCENE:



STEP 10

Write the first draft.

Now you are ready to write your book. Good luck!

