

Resolving Narratives

The resolution of a story follows the climax and ties all the narrative arcs together. The resolution doesn't just end the story, it gives the reader a sense of how the character's lives will continue beyond the end of the story, both for stand-alone stories and series.

A good resolution includes three key elements:

- It resolves the story's main conflicts.
- It completes character arcs.
- It answers any last remaining reader questions.



Additional responsibilities may include:

- Fulfilling any promises of the genre
- Reiterating theme
- Setting up a series or sequel

DIRECTION: Think about the story you are writing. Make notes about how you intend to:

Resolve the story's main conflicts	
Complete character arcs	
Answer reader questions	

Do any of the following apply to your story? If so, how will you:

Fulfill the promises of your genre	
Reiterate your theme	
Set up a series or sequel	