

Name _____ **Turning Point**



The First Plot Point

The turning point of a story is a major narrative shift that alters the course of a story. A common turning point in most stories is the first plot point: the point about a quarter of the way through a story at which the protagonist decides to participate in the main conflict of the story. As a turning point, the first plot point in a story puts a character in a new situation and gives them new problems. Think about the story you are writing. Do you have a first plot point? Is it effective?

What is your first plot point? _____

What happens in your first plot point? _____

What was going on in the story up until your first plot point?

What new problems does your protagonist have after the first plot point?

Could your protagonist have avoided these problems? If so, can you reimagine your first plot point to make what comes next unavoidable for your character?
