

# Story Study Guide for a TV Series

Series name:

Genre:

Premise:

Number of seasons:

Number of episodes in season:

Who is the protagonist? When are they introduced?

What does the opening scene tell us about the characters?

Why do we feel sympathetic for the characters?

Does it start with something that will directly impact the protagonist?

If we are following more than one protagonist, what do they all have in common with each other/what brings them together?

What does the protagonist want, and why do they think it will make them happy?

When is their goal revealed?

Who supports their goal? Who opposes their goal? Why?

What is the protagonist's misbelief?

What is the event in their past that sparked this misbelief?

What is the protagonist afraid of?

Why do they struggle to accomplish their goal?

What is the protagonist hiding/keeping a secret?

Who/what is the antagonist, and when are they introduced?

Why do they want the protagonist (their enemy) to fail?

When is the antagonist's motive revealed? Does the protagonist know?

How are the characters we leave the protagonist to follow DIRECTLY RELATED to the protagonist? When do we start following them?

How much progress do the characters make in episode 1? How does it compare to the progress rate in other episodes?

Where does the protagonist find themselves at the end of season 1? Are the stakes higher? Why?

How much time passes between seasons? What did we "miss"? Do we feel estranged from the characters at all?

Identify all the plot holes you can find.

Does the protagonist ever truly defeat the antagonist? If so, how? If not, is it still satisfying? Why or why not?

How does the protagonist TRANSFORM as a result of their journey? When do they have their "aha moment"?

When does the series start to lose your interest? (Pinpoint the exact episode if possible)

What themes/truths/big ideas are portrayed through each character?

Which characters have positive character arcs, and which characters have negative character arcs?

**Find the climaxes/pivotal moments throughout the SEASON and mark them as points on a timeline:**

- When does the inciting incident happen? (The first push outside comfort zone)
- When does something get in the way of progress? (Obstacles/conflict)
- When does the protagonist shift their goal? (This might happen more than once... track all changes)
- When does the protagonist make a big decision? (Pain vs pain)
- When does the protagonist face their biggest challenge?