

The Story Spine

The Story Spine, originally created by playwright Kenn Adams, is a tool for helping to create well-structured stories. It is a template that contains a series of sentence fragments that can prompt the narrative elements of a story.

The template has a fluid structure, allowing storytellers to pick and choose what works best for them.

The best and most effective stories are succinct and to the point, and are usually comprised of these essential elements.

The Platform

- Once Upon a Time...
- Everyday...

The Catalyst

- But one day...
- Then something changed...

The Consequences

- Because of that... (repeated as needed)
- And then _____ occurred
- And then...

The Climax

- Until finally...
- Then suddenly...

The Resolution

- Ever since then...
- And the moral of the story is...
- And the funny thing was...

