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SET THE STAGE

PREPARE YOUR WRITING ENVIRONMENT

1. **Where will you write?** Set up your computer and writing space(s). Ensure you have enough light and good ergonomics.
2. **How will you write?** Set up your tools – like journals, your favourite pen, note cards, software programs or apps.
3. **When will you write?** Schedule your writing time every single day.
4. **What you may need:**
 - computer/laptop
 - notebook/pen
 - favourite soundtrack
 - snacks
 - drinks
 - writing schedule
 - advanced meal prep
 - your research, outline and notes
 - a timer
 - candle, quotes, inspiration board
 - word count tracker

PREPARE YOUR PEOPLE

Prepare the people in your life for the challenge you're about to undertake and have a frank discussion about what's's involved:

- not as available as you usually are
- family members may need to step up and contribute more
- great time to show your family your level of commitment to your writing
- plan ahead for work projects
- let your coworkers/boss know your plans

DO YOUR PRE-WRITING WORK

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREPARE IN ADVANCE?

Writing Prep:

- Choosing a genre
- Brainstorming and mind mapping ideas
- Creating a general plot arc
- Character profiles
 - Names, backstory, motivations, archetypes
- World-building
 - Setting, time, place, charting any sci-fi or fantastical elements
- Scene notes
 - What are some key scenes that you'll need to write to get from Point A to Point Z?

Marketing Prep:

Work on determining your ideal reader and how you're going to meet reader expectations during this pre-writing phase (which will help when you're editing, publishing, and marketing the book later).

Describe and define your ideal reader.

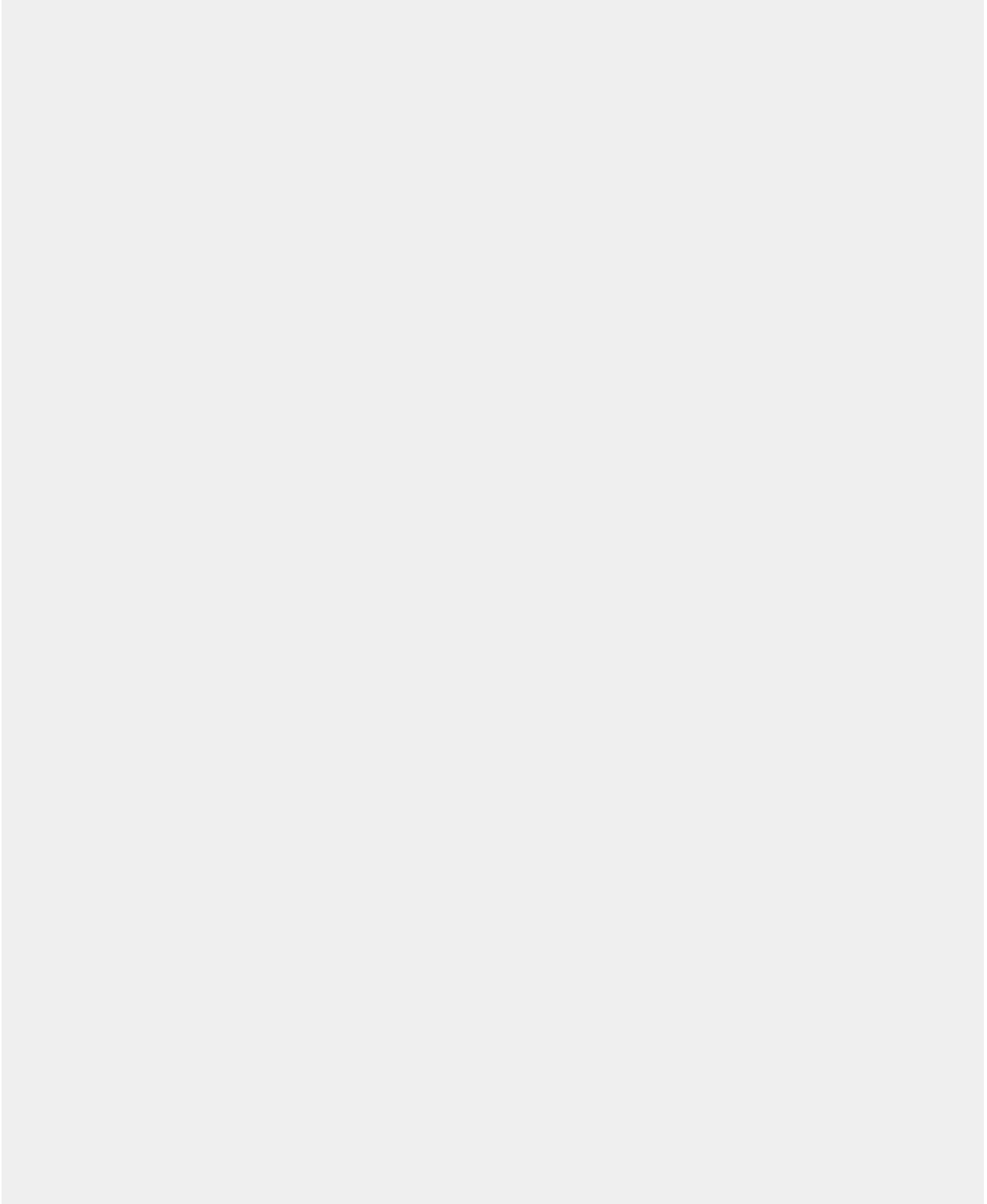
What are their expectations and how will you meet them?

(Use the following worksheets to outline and plan your novel.)

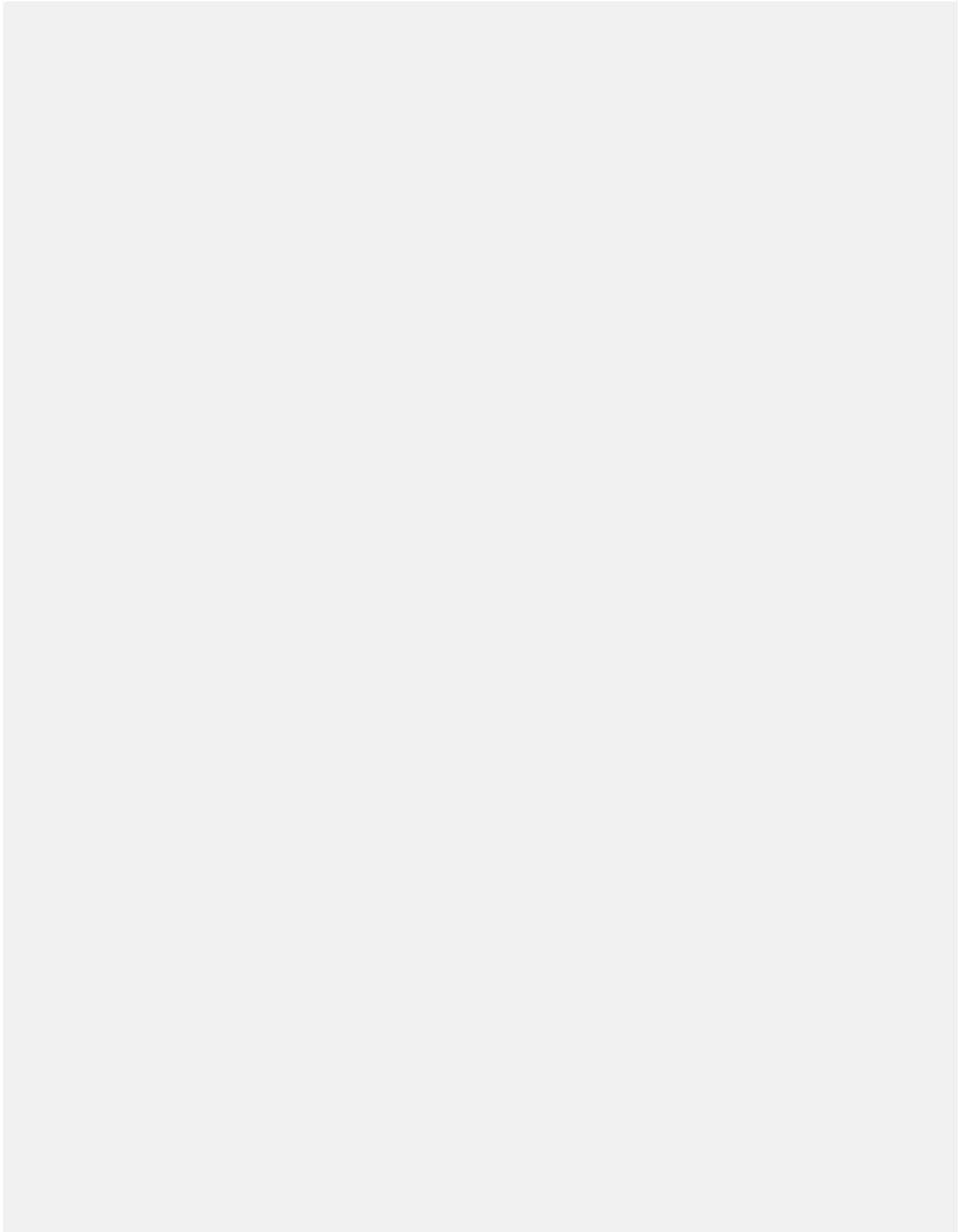
Brainstorm/Mind Map

Project Title:

Genre:



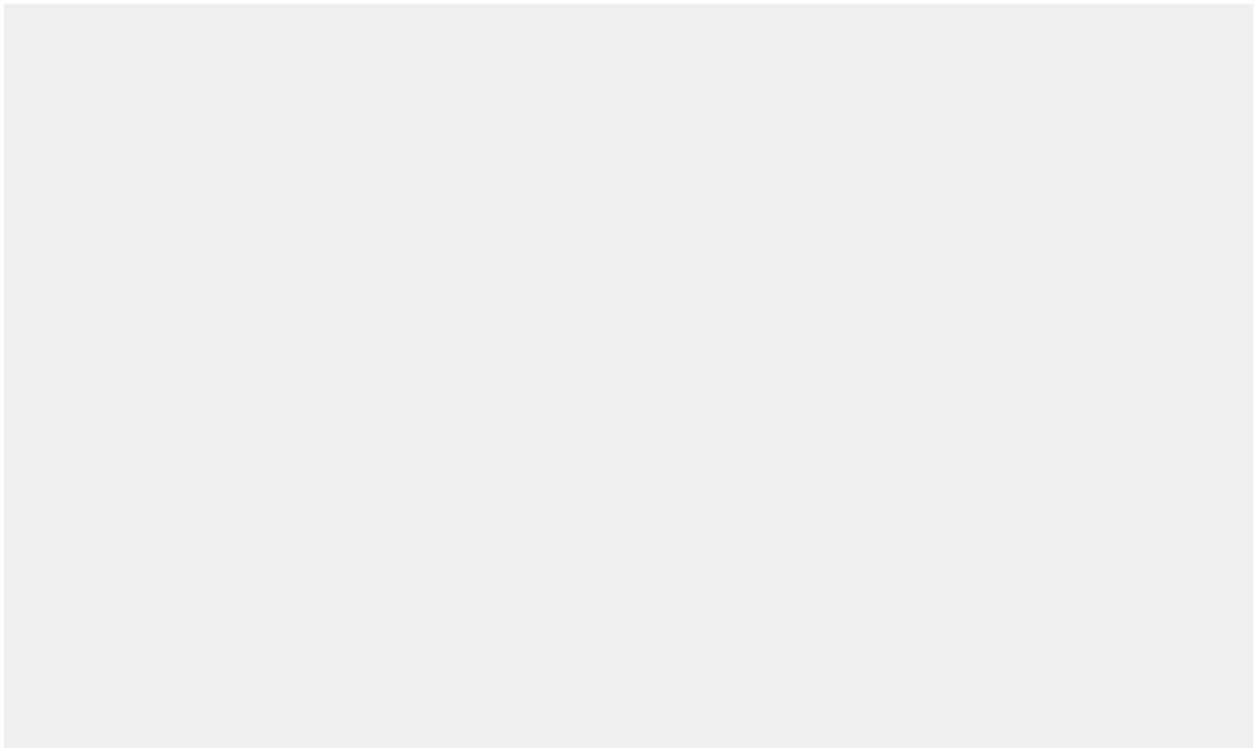
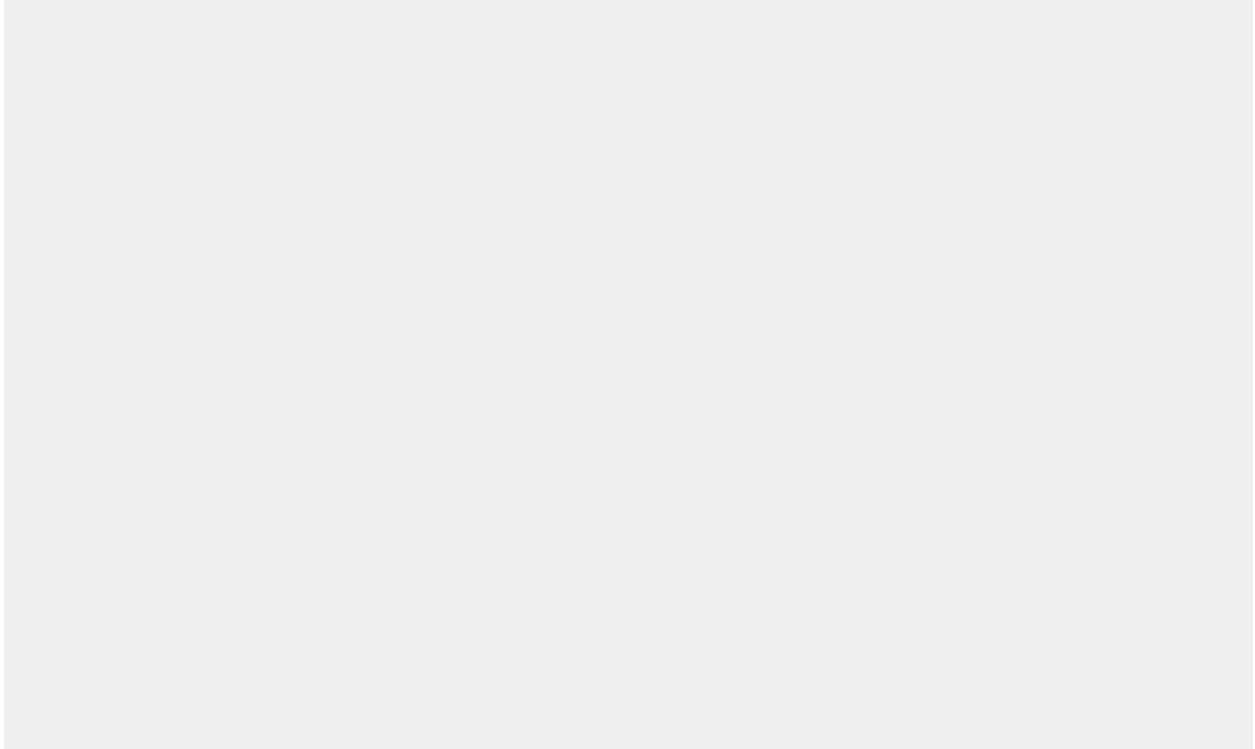
Plot Points/Outline





Character Profiles

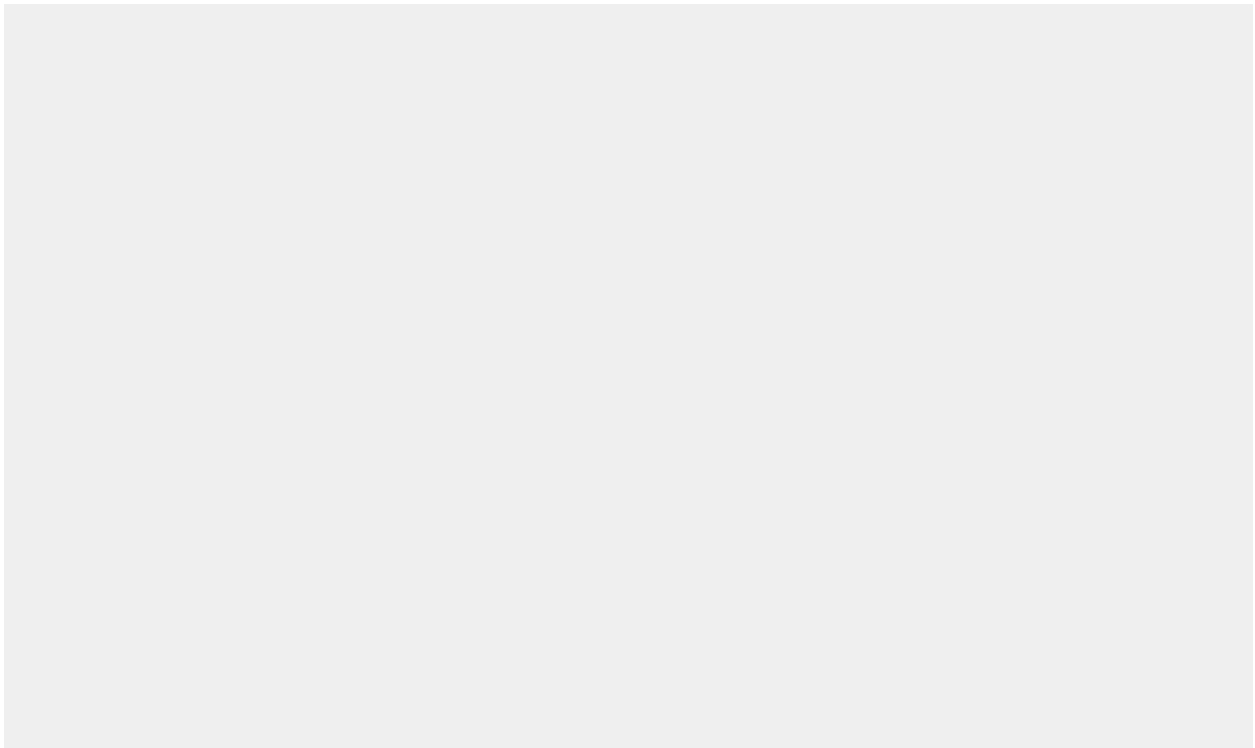
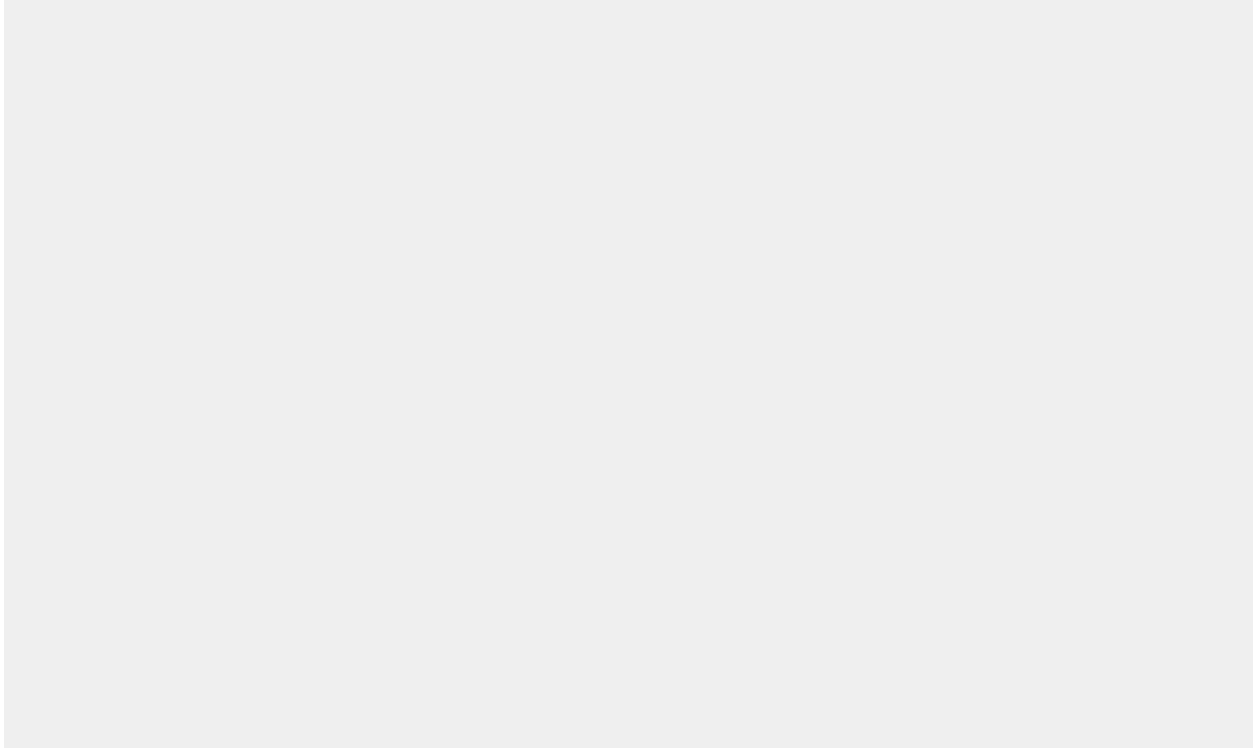
NAMES, BACKSTORY, MOTIVATIONS, ARCHETYPES
(Print as many copies as you need.)





World-Building Worksheet

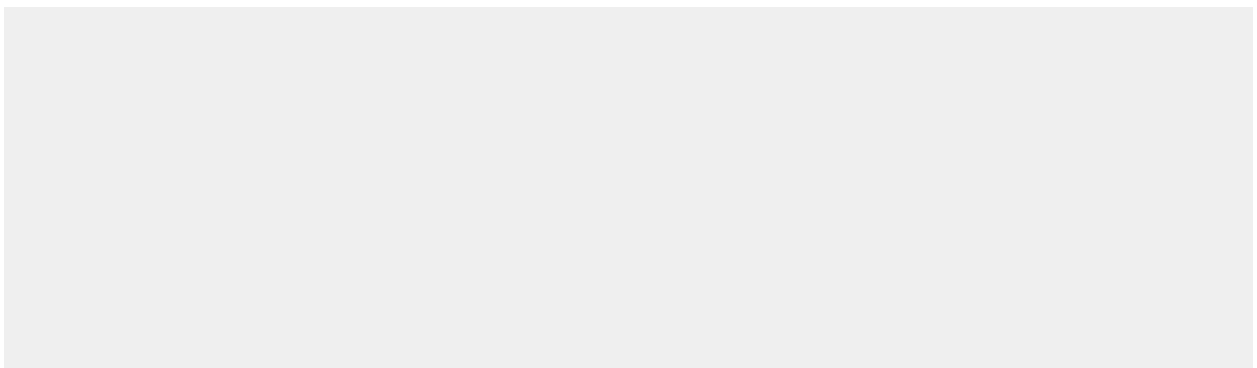
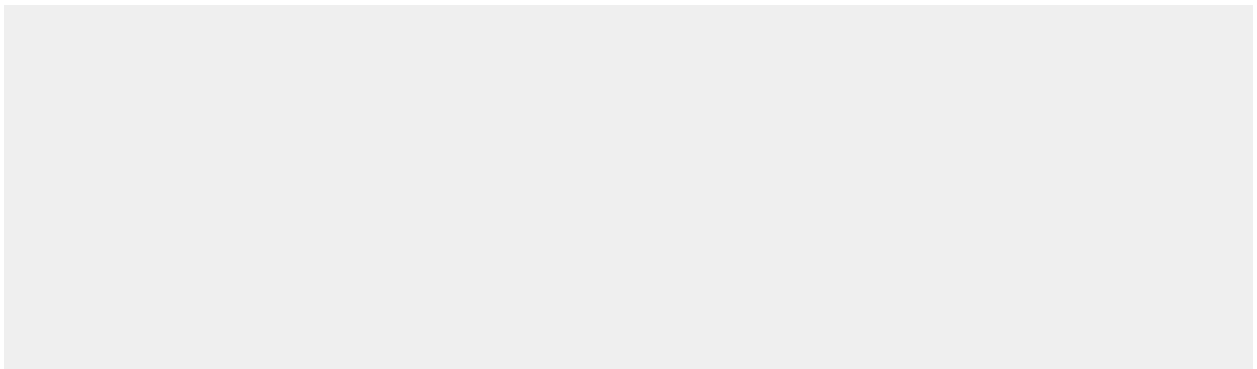
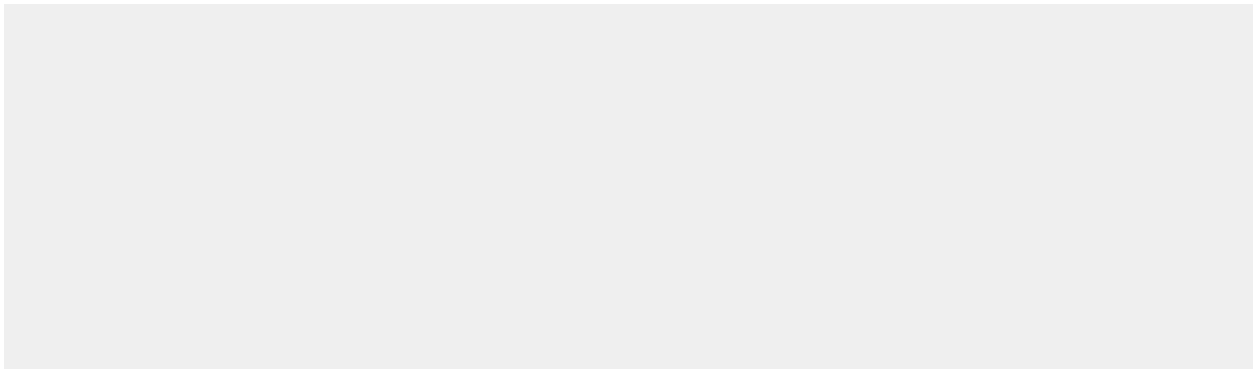
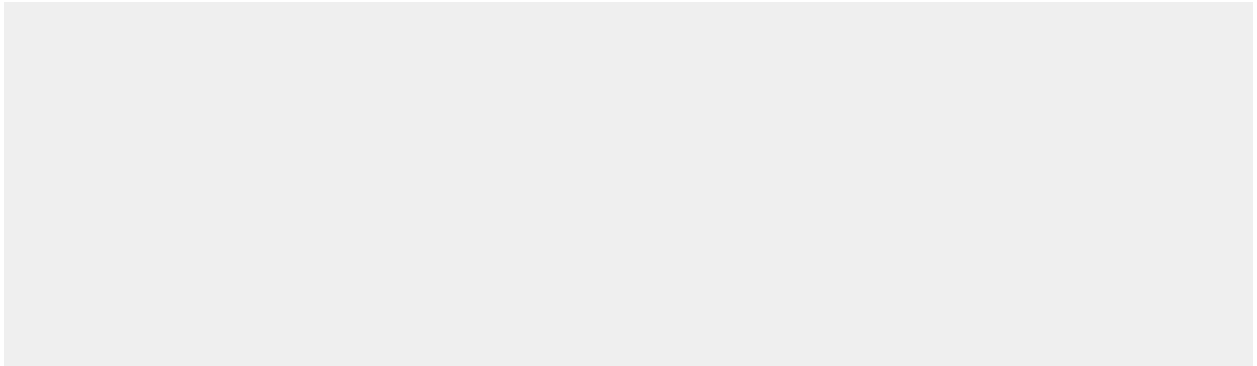
SETTING, TIME, PLACE & ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS
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Scene Notes

KEY SCENES TO GET FROM POINT A TO POINT Z



Editing Notes

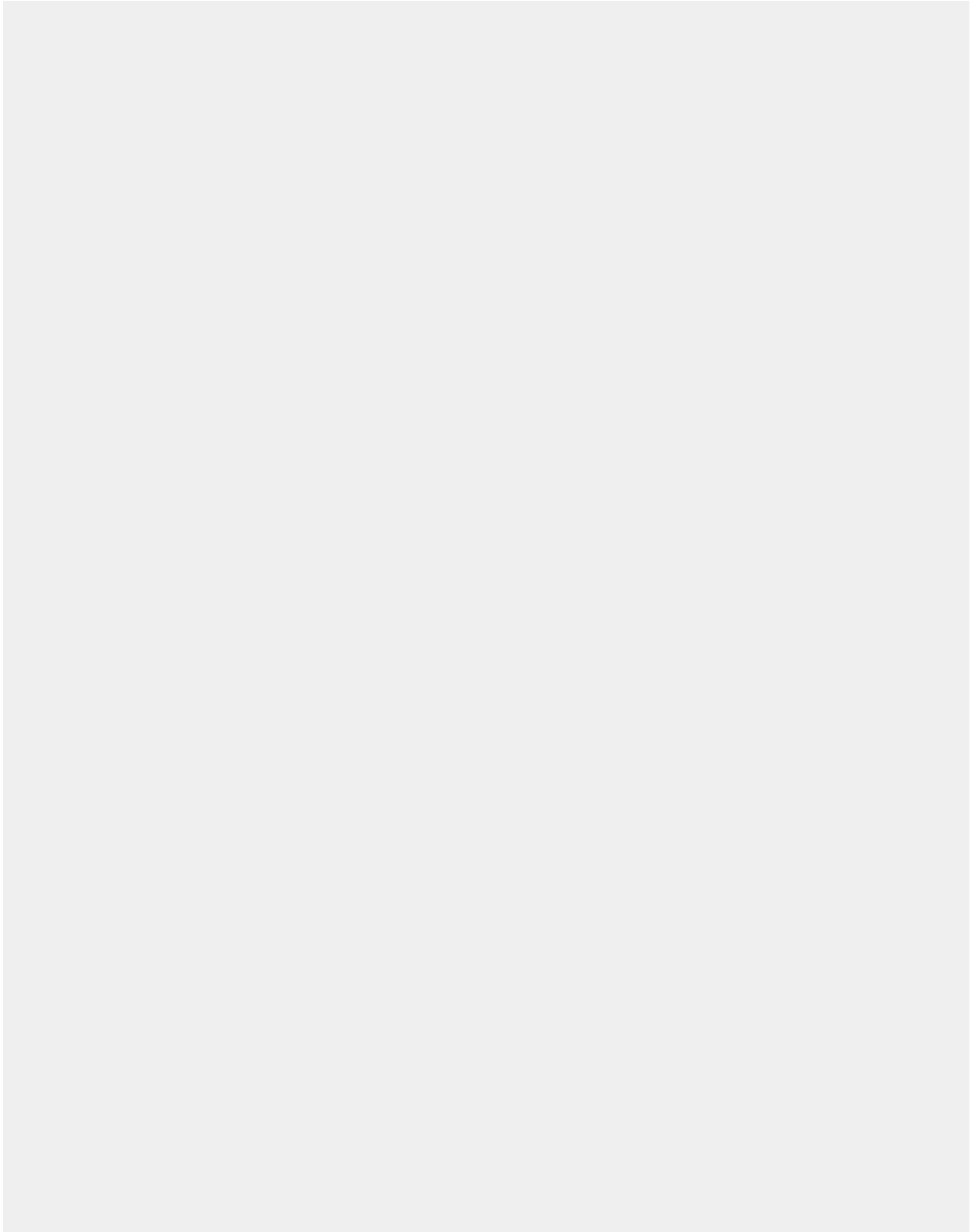
(KEEP TRACK OF EDITING CONCERNS FOR AFTER NANOWRIMO)

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To Research

(NOTE THINGS TO RESEARCH AFTER NANOWRIMO)



WORD COUNT TRACKER

PROJECT TITLE:

NANOWRIMO 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	THIS WEEK
START >>		GOAL 1,667	GOAL 3,334	GOAL 5,001	GOAL 6,668	GOAL 8,335	WEEK'S GOAL 8,335
		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	TOTAL WORDS
GOAL 10,002	GOAL 11,669	GOAL 13,336	GOAL 15,003	GOAL 16,670	GOAL 18,337	GOAL 20,004	WEEK'S GOAL 20,004
ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	TOTAL WORDS
GOAL 21,671	GOAL 23,338	GOAL 26,005	GOAL 26,672	GOAL 28,339	GOAL 30,006	GOAL 31,673	WEEK'S GOAL 31,673
ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	TOTAL WORDS
GOAL 33,340	GOAL 35,007	GOAL 36,674	GOAL 38,341	GOAL 40,008	GOAL 41,675	GOAL 43,342	WEEK'S GOAL 43,342
ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	TOTAL WORDS
GOAL 45,009	GOAL 46,676	GOAL 48,343	GOAL 50,010	FINAL WORD COUNT			
ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL				

NOTES:



NOW WHAT?

Congratulations! You took part in NaNoWriMo and committed endless hours to your manuscript within a mere thirty-day span. But there's still more to do...

If you're struggling to build your platform (while trying to edit and polish your novel), I want to introduce you to my secret weapon:

Believe, Plan, Act: The Platform + Productivity Planner for Writers

Everything you need to discover, plan and execute your writing and business goals – so you can finally remove the word “aspiring” from all your profiles...

This complete author business planning system is designed to specifically address the needs of writers working to build their platforms and author businesses – from tracking daily word counts and book sales, to strategic marketing, launch planning, and developing your author brand.

The **Platform + Productivity Planner** is your catalyst to achieving your biggest goals – without spinning your wheels.

SHOW ME!

