

M&M Plotting Worksheet

Setting:

Character Profession:

Goal: (Choose an object for them to either obtain or deliver by the end of the story.)

Stakes: (What is going to happen if they don't succeed?)

Act 1: The Beginning

Ordinary Life: Who are they when they walk on the page?

Inciting Incident - What event changes their life and sets them on their journey? What are their choices?

Point of No Return - What choice do they make? What is their new or more clearly defined goal and stakes?

Act 2: The Middle (2a / Man in Mirror / 2b)

Victories are Blue, Brown, or Green M&Ms. Failures are Red, Orange, or Yellow M&Ms.

Obstacle 1:

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Obstacle 2:

Disaster #2:

Man in the Mirror Moment: (What truth do they learn? Is there a new goal, motivation, or recommitment?)

Disaster #3:

Black Moment: (What is the absolute worst thing that could happen?)

Act 3 - The End

Summarize your Final Battle & Victory:

What does New Life look like?