# Novel Outline Summary

## For a complete novel outline, use this worksheet in combination with the [Character Outline](01.Character%20Outline_TempleteWorkshop.docx) Worksheets and [Scene Outline](03.Scene%20Outline_TempleteWorkshop.docx) Worksheets.

**Where and when (in general) will your story take place?** *(For example: in Miami in 1987, on the planet Fiz in the year 2004, etc.)*

**In general, what type of novel are you writing?** *(For example, is it mainly comedy? Drama? A thriller? Science fiction? Etc.)*

**Who will be your main character?** *(Write some basic information about this character.)*

**What is the main problem your character has to solve, or an important goal your character has to achieve?** ***Why is it deeply important to your character?*** *(If it isn't that important to your character, look for another problem or goal to be the focus of your story.)*

**What terrible difficulties are there between your character and his/her goal or the solution to his/her problem?** *(Make a list. If it's too easy for your character to get out of trouble or get what he/she wants, then there will be less of a story.)*

**What are the main events that will move your character toward (or away from) solving the novel’s central problem or achieving its central goal?** *(\*Bullet points list.)*

**Write a 1-2 sentence summary or Bullet point list of your novel’s main idea:** *(You can imagine that you're writing the blurb for the book jacket. This summary should include a character or characters and an important problem or goal. If you find that you can't pin your novel down to just 1-2 sentences, then your idea probably isn't focused enough yet, and you should keep working on it. )*