



Worksheets

**Write Your Book**

*Fast*

**ROUGH DRAFT PLANNING TOOL**

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# Rough Draft Planning Tool (Nonfiction)

## TOPIC/TITLE

What is your book about or what is your working title?

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## RESEARCH YOUR TOPIC

What are the top 3 books in your subject area?

Title of Book 1	Title of Book 2	Title of Book 3
Author	Author	Author
Amazon Research		
What do the readers like about the book?		
What didn't they like?		
What did they want more of?		
What other books/authors do they compare this book to?		
Other Comments		

Who are the top 3 industry leaders in your area?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

What are the top 5 blogs in your area?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
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## **THE HOOK**

What is the one BIG IDEA you want the reader to know after reading your book?

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Are you trying to inform or persuade your audience to think, feel or do a certain thing? If so, what?

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## OUTLINING YOUR BOOK - Your path to that BIG IDEA

How will you lead your reader to that BIG IDEA? If you are writing a nonfiction book, you will want to start out with a good outline. Use the following space to organize your thoughts into chapters. Use one line for each chapter. You are not limited to 10 chapters. Feel free to have more or fewer chapters.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
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5. \_\_\_\_\_
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7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

Now that you have a basic idea of what your book will look like, you can move forward. Use index cards to organize your thoughts. Write the main idea you want to present in a chapter on one side of the card. On the other side, write down the subtopics for that chapter. Repeat that for each chapter in your book. As you research your book, you may decide to add more chapters or remove some of the chapters that you started with. That's ok. This is a work in progress.

**Congratulations, you have started writing your book!** Instead of a blank sheet of paper, you have a working outline for your book. Now that you have a better idea of how your book will flow, it is time to start writing your rough draft.

# Rough Draft Planning Tool (Fiction)

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## Character Sketches *(Copy as many as you need for your personal use)*

<b>Character's Name</b>	
Who are they related to in the story?	
How are they involved in the story?	
Physical Description (Include age, gender, height, weight, features, race, and other relevant information)	
Relevant Background	
Good Qualities	
Bad Qualities	
Educational	
Career	
What happens to this character at the end of the story?	
Other Comments	

## Setting

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## Main Plot

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## Twist and turns

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## Climax

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## How will it end?

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