

Creative Writing Now
Scene Outline

Print out a separate worksheet for each scene in your novel. Use this worksheet in combination with the CWN Novel Outline Summary Worksheet.

What characters are in the scene?

Who is the viewpoint character/s? *(Name the character through whose eyes the reader will see the scene.)*

Where does the scene happen? *(For example: "John and Sue's kitchen.")*

What happens? *(For example: "Sue confronts John about suspicious credit card bills and asks him if he's having an affair. John lies and says his card was stolen.")*

What does the scene accomplish in the novel? Does it move the character forward toward his/her goal or further away from it? *(Every scene should have a purpose. It should either move the character forward or backward toward or away from his/her goal or solving the novel's central problem, or else it should deepen the reader's understanding of the characters or situation in the novel. If the scene doesn't fulfill one of these two purposes, consider getting rid of it.)*

