



Protagonist Q&A

1) Whose story is it? *From whose point of view are we telling this story and why?*

2) What do they need? *What emotional state are they in at the beginning? What do they need for completion? Is it a flaw? Is it something that they will try to overcome as the story progresses?*

3) What happens to the character to provide the catalyst for the story? *(the inciting incident)? Does it push them to realise they need to change in some way?*

4) What does the character want? *And what does this tell us about their character?*

5) What obstacles are in the character's way? *What are the forces of antagonism? Are they big and exciting enough?*

6) What's at stake? *What will they lose if they don't achieve their objective?*

7) Why should we care? *What makes us empathise? Remember, we don't have to like them but we do need to care!*

8) What do they learn? *How do they change?*

9) How and why? *Are they brought face to face with the consequences of not changing?*

10) How does it end? *Is it moral? Ironically? Does it feel right?*