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Trilogy Planning Worksheet

This worksheet is designed to help plan or analyze a trilogy by structuring character arcs, overarching plots, and individual book tension. Key steps include identifying the **primary conflict**, mapping **character development**, and determining if the structure is a continuous arc or three distinct stories. Use the Trilogy Planning Worksheet to plan out your own trilogy or fill in the worksheet using an existing trilogy (see back for a list of popular trilogies.)

1. The Big Picture (Overarching Plot)

- **Trilogy Title/Theme:** _____
- **Main Protagonist:** _____
- **The Overarching Conflict (What is the final goal by Book 3?):**

- **The Stakes (What happens if they fail?):**

2. Plot Structure (Each book is one act)

- **Book 1: The Setup & Inciting Incident**
 - *Goal:* Introduce the world/characters, start the main conflict.
 - *Key Plot Points:* _____
 - *Cliffhanger/Ending:* _____
- **Book 2: The Complications & Midpoint**
 - *Goal:* Raise the stakes, deepen character struggles, end on a low point.
 - *Key Plot Points:* _____
 - *Cliffhanger/Ending:* _____
- **Book 3: The Climax & Resolution**
 - *Goal:* Final confrontation and resolution of the overarching conflict.
 - *Key Plot Points:* _____
 - *Ending:* _____

3. Character Arcs (Growth across 3 books)

- **Start of Book 1 (Weakness/Desire):** _____
- **Mid-Trilogy (Changes/Hardships):** _____
- **End of Book 3 (Final Transformation):** _____

Popular Trilogies

The Lord of the Rings, by J.R.R. Tolkien (marketed as a trilogy)

The Hunger Games, by Suzanne Collins

All the Pretty Horses, by Cormac McCarthy

All Souls Trilogy, by Deborah Harkness

The Daevabad Trilogy, by S.A. Chakraborty

The Lost Bride Trilogy, by Nora Roberts

The Circle Trilogy, by Nora Roberts

Century Trilogy, by Ken Follett

Shadow & Bone Trilogy, by Leigh Bardugo

Paradise Trilogy, by Elin Hilderbrand

Library Trilogy, by Mark Lawrence

Summer, I Turned Pretty Trilogy, by Jenny Han

Me Before You Trilogy, by JoJo Moyes

The Resistance Trilogy, by K.A. Riley

His Dark Materials Trilogy, by Philip Pullman

Fifty Shades Trilogy, by E.L. James

North and South, by John Jakes

Yada Yada Prayer Group, by Neta Jackson

Winter Day Trilogy, by Shari Low

Devil Wears Prada, by Lauren Weisberger

Regency Murder Mysteries, by Beth Andrews

The Park Trilogy, by C.J. Booth

Broken Earth Trilogy, by N.K. Jemisin

The Caraval Series, by Stephanie Garber

The Magicians Trilogy, by Lev Grossman

