

Detective Story

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Outline of your story

Chapter 1

- Setting – time & place (where the action of your story takes place/ season)
- Description of main characters (age, looks, hobbies, where they live, how their room / house looks like, family, if any)

Chapter 2

- Crime scene - crime (where are the main characters and what are they doing when they find out about the crime)
- Dialogue between the main characters –speculation about the crime, decisions

Chapter 3

- Investigation – collecting evidence, sending them to the lab for analysis, talking to witnesses
- Dialogue of main characters about possible suspects, speculate on how the crime was committed

Chapter 4

- Setting – The Interrogation room (description of the room)
- Dialogue of the main characters with the suspect(s)
- Dialogue of the main characters after the interrogation
- Witness identifying the suspect from the room behind the mirror

Chapter 5

- Proving the guilt – dialogue of the main characters about how the crime had been committed
- Arresting the suspect – dialogue of the main characters with the suspect
- Reading the rights – sending killer / wrong doer behind bars (thoughts of the killer)

Chapter 6

- The Trial – the killer / wrong doer is sentenced to a number of years in prison
- after the trial – what the main characters do, their dialogue



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