

How to Find the Right Title

Worksheet

This is an extra resource to go along with the original article:
[Coming Up With the Perfect Title for Your Novel](#)

Answer these questions to identify potential titles for your novel.

What is the main theme of your novel?

What is the central idea of your novel?

examples: *Pride and Prejudice* (Jane Austen), *Love in the Time of Cholera* (Gabriel García Márquez)

Who is your protagonist?

Share insight into the protagonist. What does he or she do? What's unique about the protagonist?

example: *The Man Without Qualities* (Robert Musil)

What is your protagonist afraid of?

Describe what your protagonist is afraid of, or the consequence of your protagonist's fear.

example: *I Have No Mouth and I Must Scream* (Harlan Ellison)

What is the setting for your story?

Describe where the majority of your story takes place.

example: Little House on the Prairie (Laura Ingalls Wilder)

When does your story take place?

Allude to the time of your story.

example: Nineteen Eighty-Four (George Orwell)

What happens within your story?

Tease what will happen within the pages of the novel.

example: I Still Miss My Man but My Aim Is Getting Better (Sarah Shankman)

What is the philosophy behind your story?

Social commentary is nestled within most stories. In your story, what are you saying about society at large (real or within the landscape of your novel)?

example: No Country for Old Men (Cormac McCarthy)
