

#STORYTELLINGSHIFT

ENHANCE YOUR STORY WITH NEW MEDIUMS

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CHEATSHEET

Use the section below whenever you need a refresher on how to inspire different storytelling mediums.

CHECK OFF WHAT YOU'RE WRITING IN, AND ALL THE OTHER MEDIUMS YOU'LL USE TO ENHANCE IT

PROSE/FICTION

- Movies to find the core of your story
- Theater to understand your characters better
- Video games to explore options for different parts without wasting your time

SCREENWRITING

- Prose to dig deeper into scenes and explore character perspectives
- Theater to loosen up on the formula
- Video games to try out different conversations

PLAYWRITING

- Prose to emphasize your set design and other descriptions
- Screenwriting to get your mind away from the stage and on to new locations
- Video games to think about the audience

VIDEO GAME WRITING

- Prose to enhance in-game reading materials like letters or diaries
- Screenwriting to draft your first plotline before adding branching options
- Playwriting to improve your dialogue

ENHANCE YOUR PROJECT

Use the following pages to take notes on the other mediums you'll be using to enhance your current work-in-progress. If you aren't sure what to do, flip back to the cheatsheet on the previous page for ideas.

WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT STORY ABOUT?

ARE THERE ANY AREAS YOU ARE HAVING TROUBLE WITH?

WHAT MEDIUMS CAN YOU USE TO TROUBLESHOOT THAT AREA AND HOW?

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ACTION PLAN

Take the new stories you've "stolen" from and write down what you learned and how you hope to improve your story:

NEW THINGS I LEARNED ABOUT STORYTELLING:

OLD THINGS ABOUT STORYTELLING I VIEWED IN A NEW WAY:

MY ACTION PLAN FOR IMPROVING MY STORY: