

LO: To plan a synopsis



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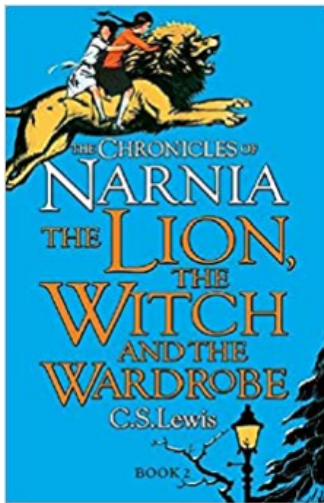
/sɪˈnɒpsɪs/

noun

noun: **synopsis**; plural noun: **synopses**

a brief summary or general survey of something.

"a synopsis of the insurance cover provided is set out below"



What is a synopsis?

Synopsis example

This gripping fantasy is about the magical and often unpredictable land of Narnia (a secret world found in the back of a wardrobe!). Set during World War 2, a family of four children (Peter, Lucy, Edmund and Susan) are sent to a grand manor as evacuees. In their boredom, whilst playing hide and seek, this mysterious world is discovered in the back of a wardrobe and then the adventure truly begins. One of the four siblings, Edmund, is enticed into working for the main enemy of Narnia; the White Witch. However with the help of many friends made along the way, the other three siblings work at saving the snow-covered kingdom from the witch's grip. The story culminates in the redemption of Edmund, which is done through the sacrifice of the story's main hero, Aslan the lion. After a final and dramatic battle, the witch is defeated and Narnia is freed from her suffocating power as Peter, Lucy, Edmund and Susan are crowned Kings and Queens of this enchanting kingdom.



What is key to the story?

Plan

- 1) Two figures (Harry and Ben) walked across a desolated city.
- 2) We are not sure what they are looking for or if they are escaping from somewhere.
- 3) We are left on a cliff hanger as to whether they will survive.

Write: A three sentence **synopsis**.

Harry and Ben are two desperate souls who only have each other. They find themselves walking through a desolate, destroyed and rather eerie city. Where they are heading or what they are escaping, we are not entirely sure.

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Your independent task: Do the same for chapters 2-5. Then you will have the key parts of the story to write in your synopsis.

Task 3

Decide from your bullet points (as you will not include it all in your synopsis) what you must tell the reader about the story in your book review synopsis. Highlight or underline what you **MUST** include.

Chapter 1

- Stuart Chappell comes home from school to find strangers living in his house and all down his street.
- He starts to despair, but bumps into his friend Marco.

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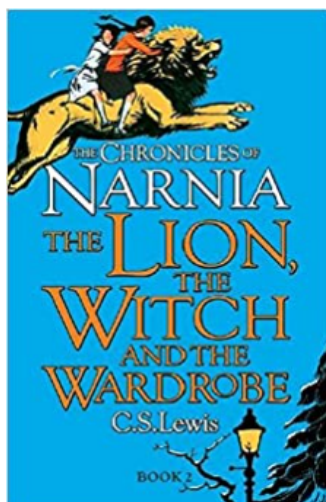
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What to include

Setting

Characters

Key story line

Specific Gripping vocabulary (Greater Depth)

