

Novelist

Complete the five steps to earn your Novelist Badge.

1. **Deconstruct a novel:** Pick a novel to read. As you read [chart the plot](#) of the novel. Focus on the rise and fall of the action and how the character grow and change. An example of a plot chart is [here](#).
2. **Create Great Characters:** Watch the attached video to learn how to make a Character Profile.
3. **Develop a plot:** Learn about the common plotlines [here](#). Then find three examples of character driven and three examples of action driven plots. Which plot line do you prefer?
4. **Write 20 pages:** Make your own plot chart and use your character profile to write 20 pages of your story. It can be the first 20 pages, the last 20 pages, or important scenes within the story.
5. **Edit your pages:** Once you write your 20 pages, be sure to go back and edit yourself. Then find someone to edit it for you, it could be a family member or even a fellow Girl Scout. You can have them focus on grammar or story development. Remember to be open to constructive criticism.