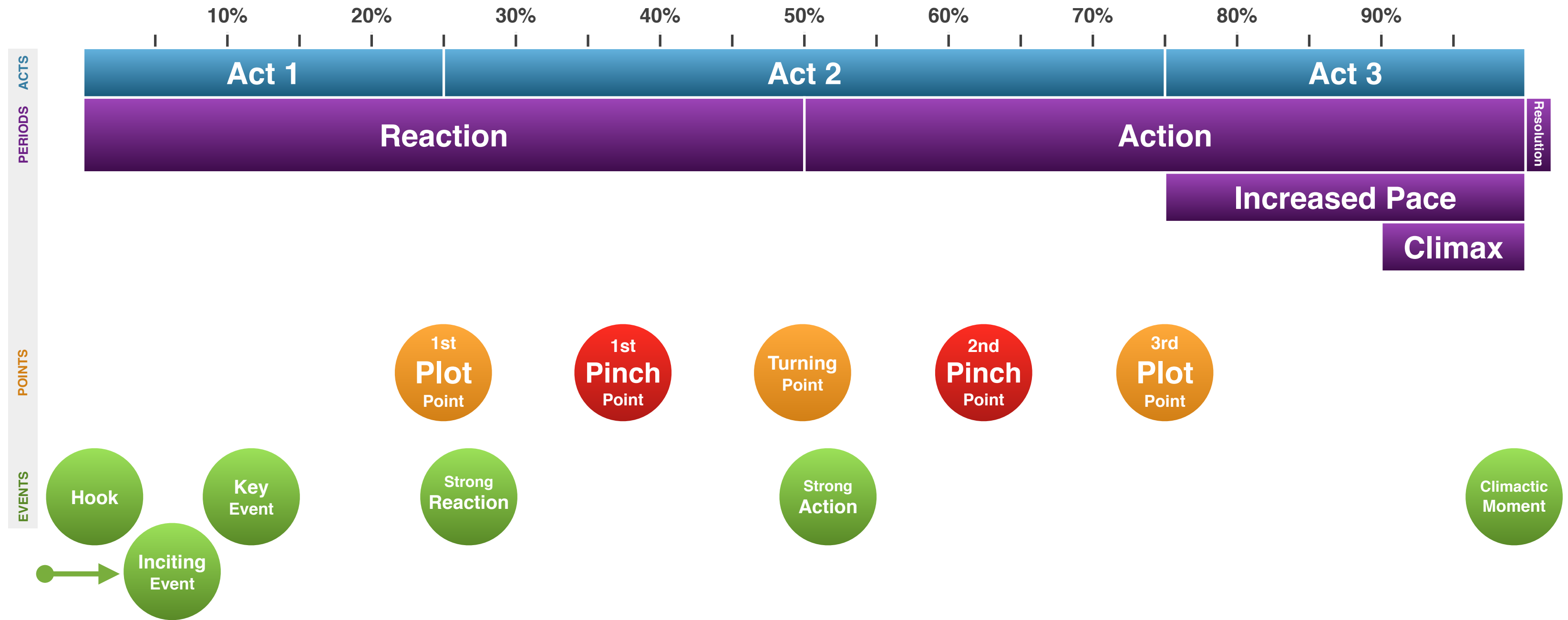


Structuring Your Novel



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Periods

Reaction The protagonist reacts to the **Key Event** and **1st Plot Point**.

Action The protagonist takes action (aggression, decision, inner revelation, etc). Some problems will be solved, but major ones will remain.

Increased Pace The pacing will naturally increase (and chapter length will decrease) as we approach the **Climax**.

Climax The final 10% of the novel, where the core conflict between the protagonist and antagonist is brought to a conclusion.

Resolution A brief hint (a scene or two) of how the story continues beyond the novel's scope. A period of emotional recovery. A chance to spend another brief moment with the protagonist.

Points

1st Plot Point A change of surroundings. A personal turning point. The point of no return for the protagonist.

1st Pinch Point The antagonist's presence and power are displayed.

Turning Point The midpoint. The turning point of the novel. A change of direction for the characters. A push from reaction to action. A personal catalyst for the protagonist. A move to dramatic, new, fresh, different circumstances.

2nd Pinch Point The antagonist's presence and power are reaffirmed.

3rd Plot Point We are set upon our inexorable course towards the **Climax**. A low point for the protagonist. Perhaps a meeting between protagonist and antagonist? A decision? An upheaval? An unexpected event?

Events

Hook Grab the reader, provoke interest, and cause questions to be asked.

Inciting Event The event that sets the story in motion, and will lead to the **Key Event**.

Key Event The event that causes the protagonist to be caught up in the story.

Strong Reaction The protagonist has a strong response to the **1st Plot Point**.

Strong Action The protagonist takes a strong action after the **Turning Point**.

Climactic Moment The critical moment that fulfils the dramatic promise of the story.