



Plot Twists from Characters Worksheet

Bonus tips to remember:

- When working with twists, be sure to foreshadow. If a twist drops out of nowhere, the reader will feel manipulated.
- When you foreshadow, be careful not to foretell. If your readers figure it out, the twist ceases to be fun and becomes predictable.
- Be sure your set up is absolutely believable. Without a believable set up, the twist falls flat.

Step One

Describe a scene that rolls along without much excitement.

Step Two

What would a reader expect your character to do?

Step Three

Evaluate whether a past transgression, emotional baggage, or a commitment to high moral character would send the scene down an unexpected path.

Step Four

Rewrite the scene using the method you picked.

Step Five

Did it work? Keep tweaking until you're happy with it.

Step Six

Now go back and make sure you've foreshadowed without foretelling, and that your set up is absolutely believable.

To read more about plot twists, read Ocieanna's article in *The Northwest Christian Author*. And for more writing tips, see ocieanna.com/writing_coach.