**Story Development Questionnaire**

## **OVERVIEW**

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| YOUR NAME: | Answer |
| Title: | Answer |
| Romance subgenre: | Answer |
| Approximate word count: | Answer |
| Romance trope/s: | Answer |
| Theme/s: | Answer |
| Story premise: | Answer in one sentence |
| Draft number: | Answer |
| What preparation/planning did you do prior to writing the first draft? | Answer |
| Note any particular areas of concern or problems you’re having in revising the manuscript. | Answer |

## **CHARACTERS: The Protagonist**

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| Who is the protagonist and what is life like for them as the story begins? | Answer |
| What is the protagonist’s *external* goal? | Answer |
| What’s motivating them? Why is this goal so important? | Answer |
| What’s standing in their way of achieving this goal? | Answer |
| What is the protagonist’s *internal* goal? | Answer |
| What’s motivating them? Why is this goal so important? | Answer |
| What’s standing in their way of achieving this goal? | Answer |

## **CHARACTERS: The Love Interest**

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| Who is the love interest and what is life like for them as the story begins? | Answer |
| What is the love interest’s *external* goal? | Answer |
| What’s motivating them? Why is this goal so important? | Answer |
| What’s standing in their way of achieving this goal? | Answer |
| What is the love interest’s *internal* goal? | Answer |
| What’s motivating them? Why is this goal so important? | Answer |
| What’s standing in their way of achieving this goal? | Answer |

## **PLOT**

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| What is the inciting incident that sets the protagonist on their journey? | Answer |
| What keeps the characters apart in the first half of the story? | Answer |
| How do your characters form an emotional connection? | Answer |
| What complications arise for the characters? | Answer |
| How are the stakes raised? | Answer |
| What major setback occurs to keep the characters from achieving their goals? | Answer |
| How do the characters achieve their happily-ever-after or happy-for-now? | Answer |