Short Story Execution Worksheet

Day	Task	Writing
1	**Brainstorm** Who is the main character? Where is the story set? What does the character want? When does the story take place?	
2	**Characterization** Write a diary entry in your character's voice.	

3	**Introduction**	
	What's happening in your character's life?	
	How do you want to introduce the reader to your character?	

4	**Buildup**	
	What does your character want?	
	What are they motivated by?	
	What does your character need to do to achieve their primary goal?	

5	**Conflict/Midpoint**	
	What goes wrong (or right) when your character attempts to reach their goal?	
	What gets in the way of your character?	

6	**The Solution** What happens after your character runs into trouble? How do they try to make amends or fix the problem? How does the problem resolve or get worse?	
7	**The End** What has changed about the character? What did they learn? How have their circumstances changed after their experiences?	

Tips for completing the worksheet

- Write in bullet form if you have to. You can always use it as a blueprint to complete your short story.
- Try to finish according to the timeline. This will help motivate and keep you consistent. Use the momentum to write another story.

- Don't get stuck on ideas. Anything will work. It's all about the execution.
- Don't forget that you need to edit your story once it's finished. Having it all complete inside this template is nice, but be sure to polish it in its own document.