Plot Generators

Synopsis/Plot writing

Link

https://bibisco.com

https://blog.reedsy.com/plot-generator

https://www.plot-generator.org.uk

Description

If you are short of ideas and time and you wish to develop a proper synopsis or plot for your story, you can use a plot generator to get started quickly and effectively. **Bibisco** is a novel writing software which comes with tools to make a believable story with believable characters. It will not generate a plot for you per se, but will guide you in the creation of your very own plot with recommendations and indications.

Many plot generators are easily accessible online, such as this one which provides a million plot combinations and prompts you can get inspiration from based on the genre you aim for (fantasy, sci-fi, mystery, romance and drama).

This generator by Masterpiece provides various types of stories you can generate, such as a short story, movie script, picture book, fairy tale and more. It also helps

you create a blurb in various genres (with themes like paranormal romance, dystopian, vampire or summertime, for example) and allows you to select different criteria such as locations, protagonists, enemies, objects, etc., to thicken the plot. Be aware, though, that these generator tools will only help you "brainstorm" ideas, as they may not offer well-thought, well-finished plots. With the advent of generative AI, you may achieve a better formed plot with tools such as ChatGPT, Google Bard or Hugging Chat, for instance.

Alternatives could be **Manuskript** (free open-source tool), **Story planner** (free and paid tool, methods and helper to plan and structure plots), **Scrivener** (paid software with various tools to craft a story) or **Plottr** (paid book-planning software).

Features

Each generator has different categories depending on the type of story or genre, and provides various tools to help organise the plot, such as a selection of criteria, drafts, guides, scrapbooks, etc.

Price

Most online generators are free, but software can have a free or paid version, sometimes with a free trial and more options or tools available.

Bibisco: there is a free version with a 30-day trial of paid options and a paid version with more options (objects, parts, relations diagram and more) for which you can choose to pay between 35 and 50€ to support the creators.

Story planner: there is a free basic plan where you can only work on one story plan template and a paid premium plan for $15 for 3 months, with access to an unlimited number of plans.

Scrivener: a 30-days free trial is available, with paid versions costing 59.49€ for the educational license (only available for students and academics with institutional affiliation) and 69.99€ for the standard license.

Plottr: used between $139 for one device to $299 for the Pro version with no device limit, Cloud backups and a real-time collaboration tool.

Why using it?

Each website and software has their own perks and advantages depending on the range of options and tools. The purpose remains to help the user create a draft or general idea to develop their story, or to plan and organise their plot, characters, structure throughout the writing process. Some of these tools are used by published writers and provide very helpful resources, features and support for short or long-term projects. These tools are there to help, but they will not write a fully well-formed plot for you. If you are looking for a more advanced solution, you could have a look at generative AI, such as ChatGPT, Google Bard or Hugging Chat.

How to use it?

Considering each tool has its own options and usage, they all work slightly differently. Most are easy to use but some of the more complex ones could require

a bit of guidance. You can usually find help within the software or seek instructions through tutorials by other users.

Here is Bibisco documentation with clear instructions on how to use it, along with a complete video tutorial presented by its author.

Story Planner provides a short step-by-step guide for beginners.

The creators of Scrivener and Plottr have provided tutorial videos (Scrivener tutorials – Plottr tutorials) for various steps, options and tools, adding to the "Help" menu that is present within each software.