

Indireads Synopsis Guide

*Synopses may be any length you choose, depending upon how detailed your plan for your book is. There are three elements, however, that **must** be included in your synopsis in order for Indireads to evaluate your novella.*

Plot

The synopsis is the overall outline of the story. It should give an indication of the elements of the story and outline how the story begins, how it unfolds and how it ends.

Elements

Characters: major and minor, their personalities and the roles they play. Your synopsis should include at least two major characters. Minor characters may be included if they are essential to the plot.

Setting: Description of the place, time and location of the story.

Interest

Conflict: the story requires conflict to sustain reader interest. The conflict can be internal (eg. values and beliefs) or external (eg. societal pressure or status).

Climax: the conflict needs to be brought to a head and then resolved appropriately.

Your synopsis should provide a rough idea of both these elements. However, depending upon the progress of your manuscript, these may be altered at a later stage.