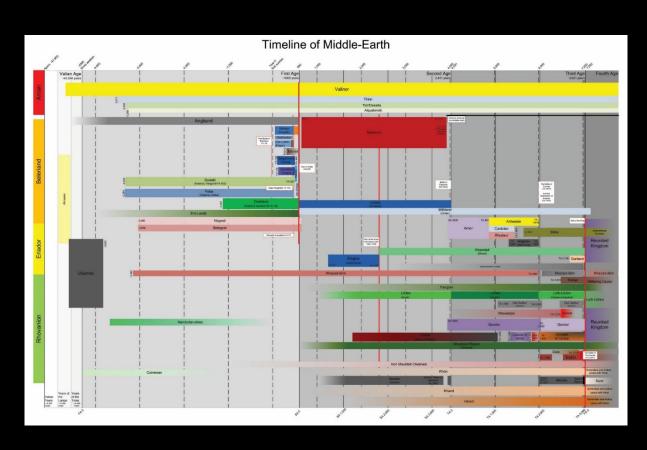
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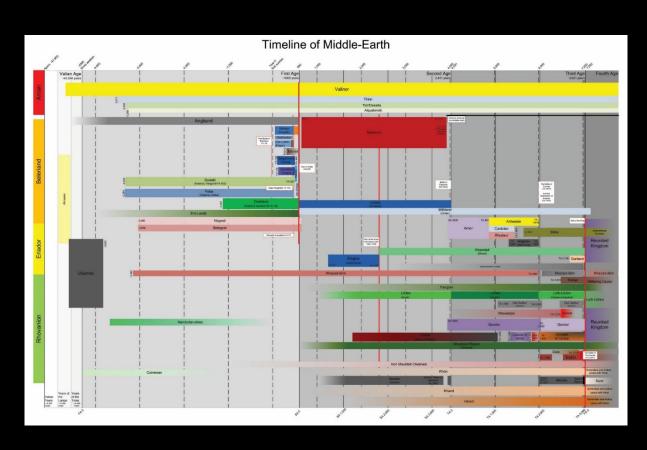
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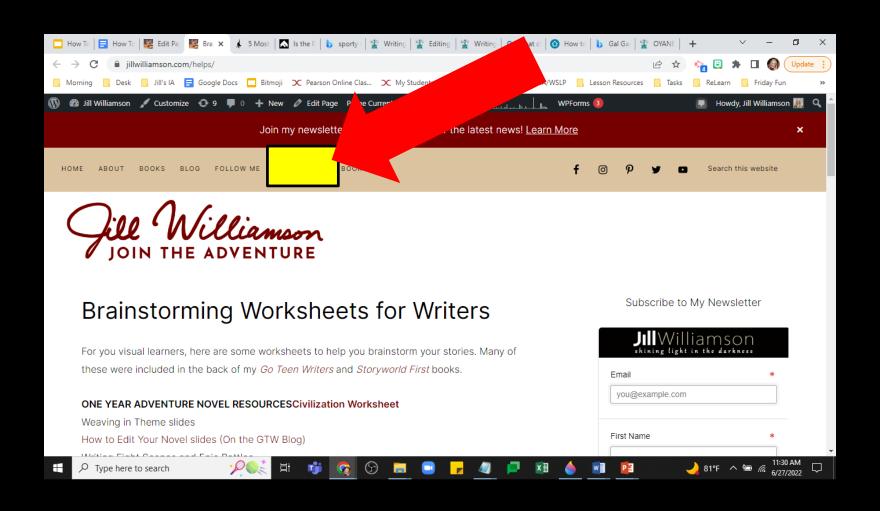
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WHAT IS A TIMELINE?

- A representation of **important** events in the order in which they occurred.
- They help us decide what to include in our story.
- They give us a map to follow. We can pinpoint the story structure and plan where characters and storylines will intersect.

WHY MAKE TIMELINES?

- -Timelines keep you organized.
- -They help you keep your facts straight.
- -They give you a history for characters to talk about.
- -They help you create a history that influences current events.
- -They helps you intersect real history in a historical story.
- -They guide the writing and help keep the storyline tight.
- -They keep your plot happening in a realistic manner.
- -They help you see plot holes.
- -They help you deepen character storylines and find places where they can intersect.

EARLY STORY DECISIONS INVOLVE TIME

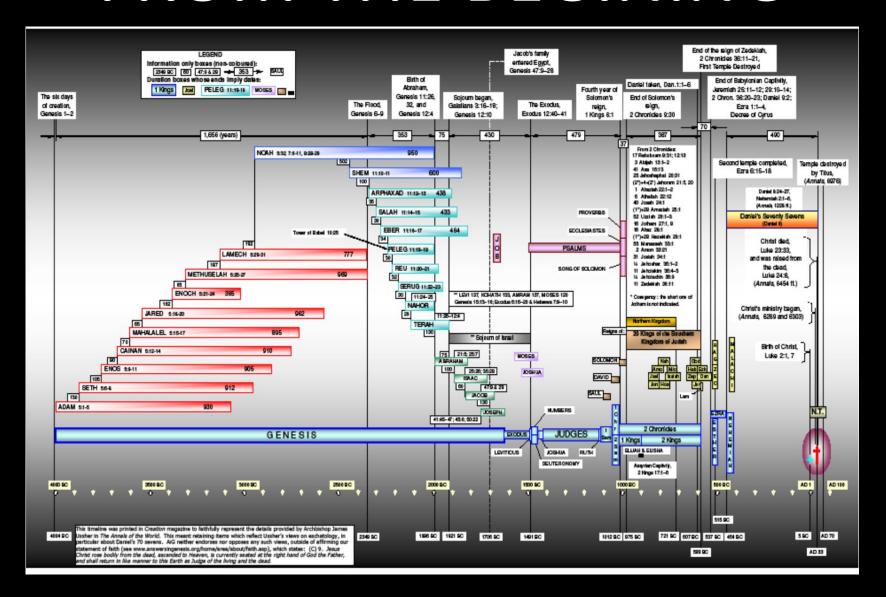
- Time passing by does not affect the length of a book.
- A book might span a single day. One sentence might cover a lifetime.
- Decide what story you are going to tell and how much time you will need to tell it.
- How old will you characters be at the start of the story?
- How old will they be at the end?
- Where does the story start? What places will they go? How long does it take to get from place to place? Where will the story end?
- All of these decisions about time will help you tell your story.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF TIMELINES

- •Historical timelines help you discover and make sense of the world. They help you organize backstory and world building.
- •Current-day timelines help with plot, character actions, pacing, and the story's flow.
- Both help your story feel more realistic.

HISTORICAL TIMELINES

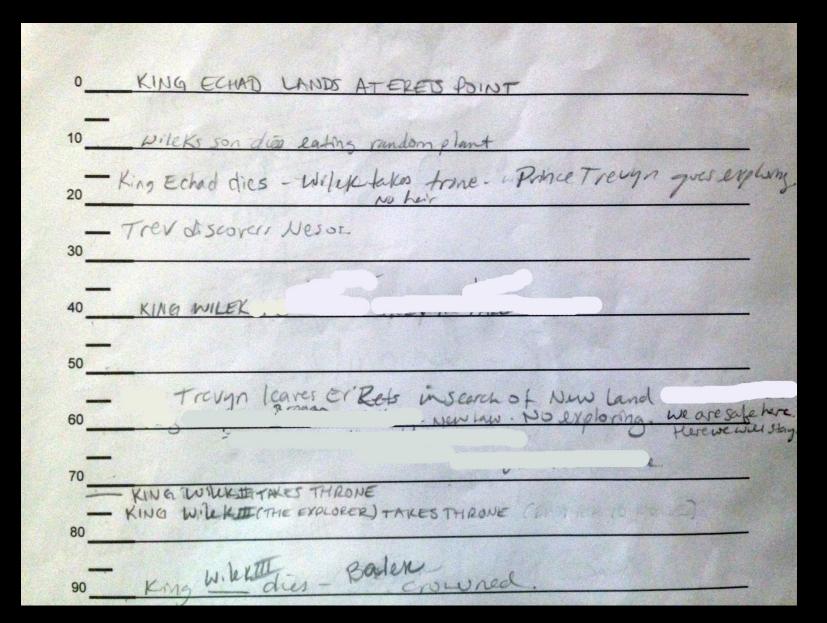
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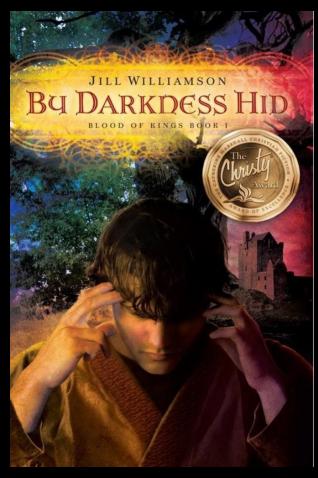


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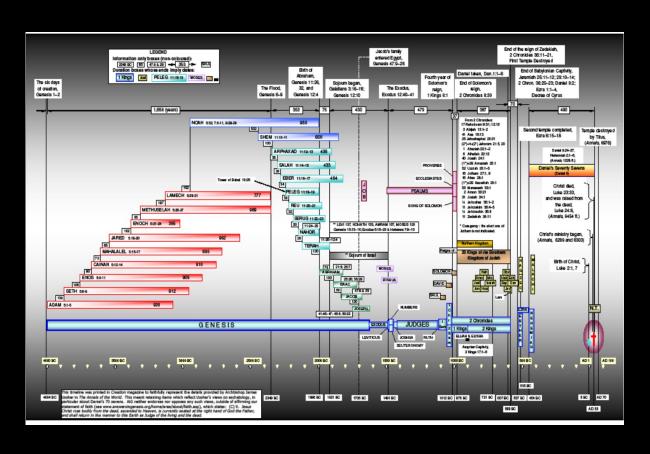


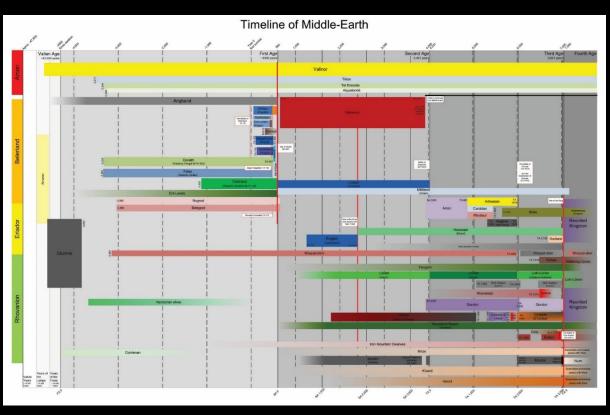


REAL HISTORY IS MUCH MORE COMPLEX



DECIDE HOW COMPLEX YOU WANT TO BUILD THE HISTORY OF YOUR WORLD

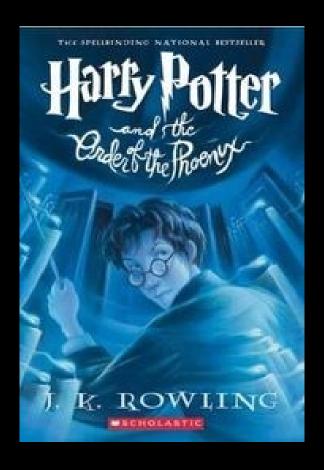




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Chapter Six

Monday, November 6

- JOHN POV: John walks to school. It's raining and he worries that it will be raining at the game on Thursday.
- CATE POV: Cate meets John at the front doors of the school, which are locked. He walks her to class.

Tuesday, November 7

-JOHN POV: John has fight with Reese. Chapter ends with both boys in the principal's office.

Chapter Seven

Wednesday, November 8

- -CATE POV: Cate is quick to leave the house before her dad gets up. She gets to school early again but this time doesn't see John.
- -CATE POV: In English class, Reese tells Cate that she should stay away from John.

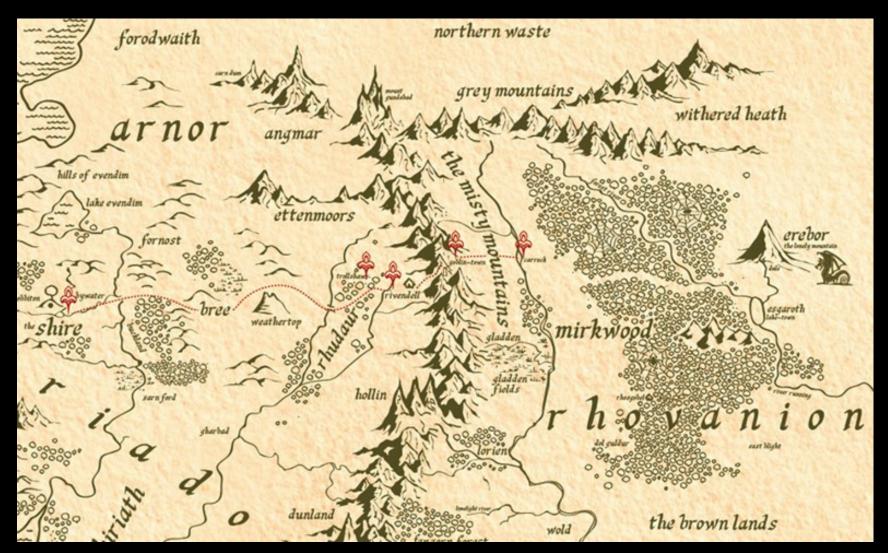
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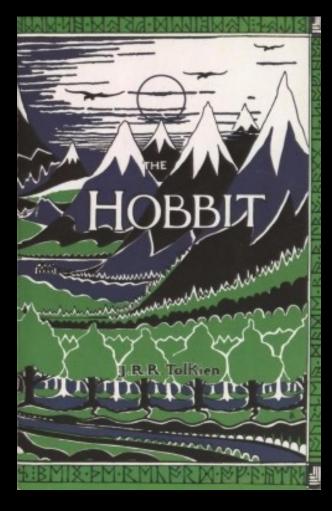
- -JOHN POV: Home football game. Reese is causing trouble for John on the field.
- -CATE POV: Cate is watching the game in the stands with friends, talking about a class project.
 She sees John get hurt on the field.

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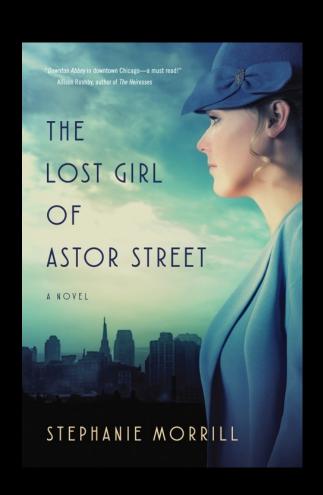
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Saturday	Reese's ankle is feeling better, so he invites Cate to go on a walk at the river.

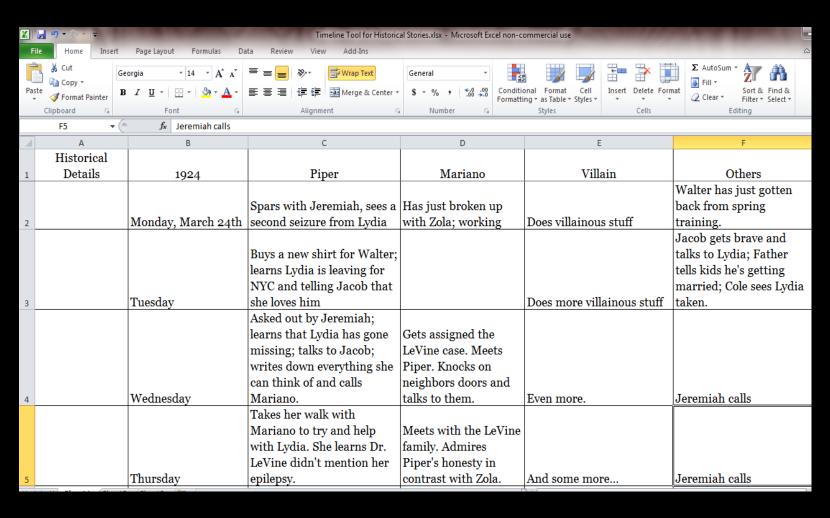
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TIMELINES CAN KEEP TRACK OF WHAT CHARACTERS ARE DOING





DON'T FORGET WHAT YOUR VILLAIN IS DOING

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ASTOR STREET				Jeremiah asks Piper out for that Friday. Detectives arrive at school and question Piper.	Gets assigned the LeVine case. Meets Piper. Knocks on neighbors doors and talks to them.		
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USE TIMELINES FOR DYSTOPIAN ORIGINS

Champion House Safe Lands Timeline - 2013-2088

May, 11, 2013—Comet Pulon was discovered by French amateur astronomer, Frederik Pulon in Rennes, France (http://www.astro-rennes.com/ Société astronomique de France).

July 4, 2013—Stargazers scanned the skies in hopes of seeing Pulon, the brightest comet to pass by the earth since Hyakutake in 1996.

July 6, 2013—The closest approach of the Pulon comet came within 1 million miles of the earth, just over three times the distance from the earth to the moon, at 0.0131 AU distance from the earth.

Jul 16, 2013—Mass communications falter in earth

July 18, 2013—The Safe Water Mountain Refuge opens its doors to the public

July 25, 2013—Eli McShane and friends leave Colorado for Arizona

July 26, 2013—Eli meets Hannah

July 27, 2013—Eli rescues twins

July 28, 2013—Eli and party arrive at Colorado camp, then find leader at his home

August 1, 2013—Eli and party drive to the Safe Water Mountain Refuge

August 16, 2013—First documented case of Thin Plague documented as a less aggressive strain of HydroFlu

August 24, 2013—All inhabitants of SWMR are tested for disease and segregated

August 27, 2013—Exterior fence completed. Inhabitants locked in for their own safety.

September 8, 2013—Doctor Bayles kidnapped by rebels and safely recovered

September 10, 2013—Village of Glenrock established

September 20, 2013—HAART antiretroviral combination therapy proved effective against (HIV

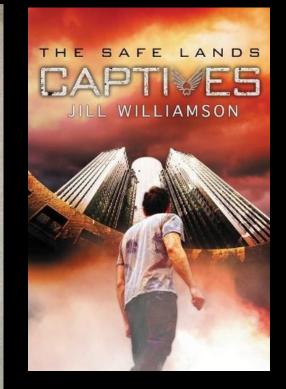
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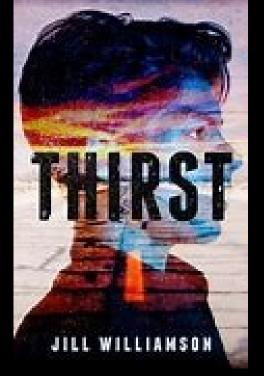
November 2013—Safe Land Guild established. Safe Water Mountain Refuge name changed to

the Safe Lands. Loca Champion elected first TaskDirector. Task plan written.

December 2013—Technology Research Scavenger Teams (TR\$T) are formed and assigned

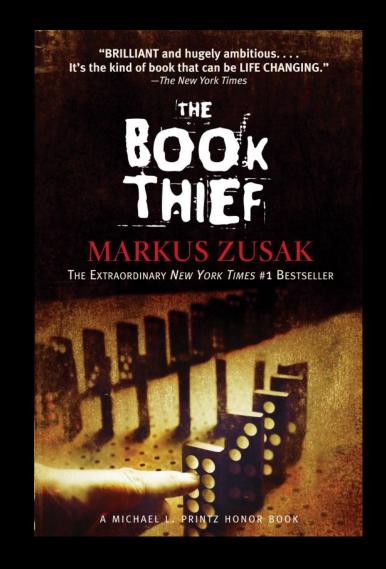
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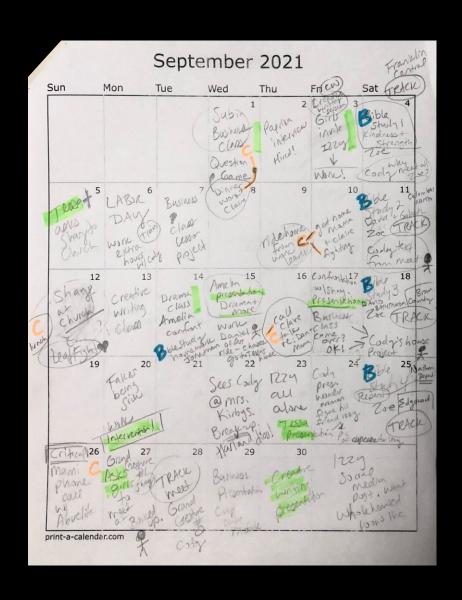
ADDING REAL HISTORY

TIMELINE	THE BOOK THIEF	WARS IN EUROPE
1889		Adolf Hitler is born.
1914	Hans Huberman, age 22, serves in The Great War.	World War I (aka The Great War) begins with Austro-Hungarian invasion of Serbia, in response to the assassination of the Archduke of Austria.
1916	During the war Eric Vandenburg teaches Hans Huberman to play the accordion in France. Eric saves Han's life. Eric's son, Max Vandenburg, is born in Stuttgart. Eric dies and Hans is given his accordion.	
1918		WW I ends with German defeat. 9 million combatants died.
1921		Hitler becomes leader of National Socialist (Nazi) Party.



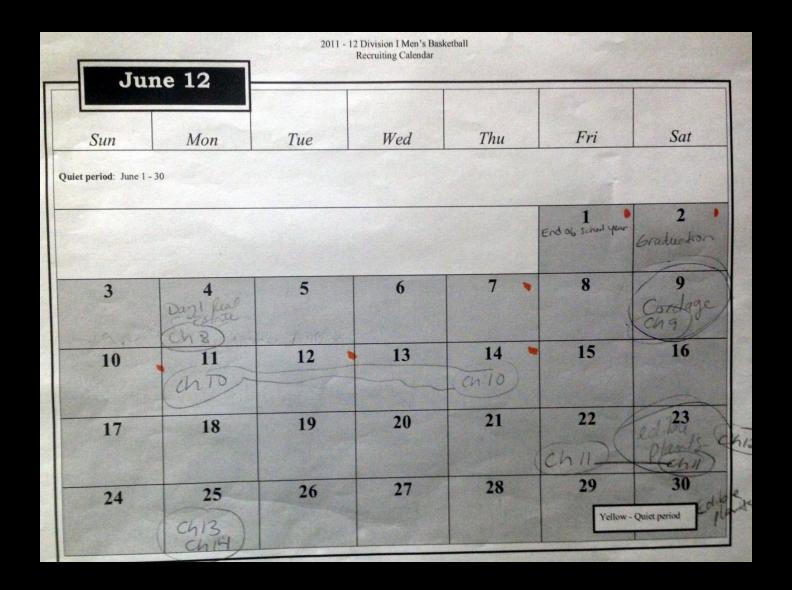
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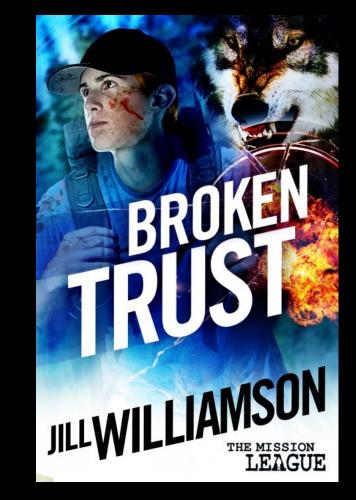
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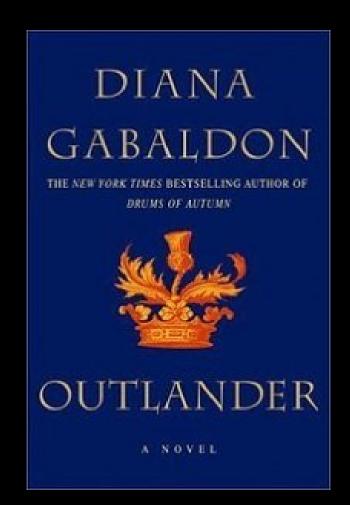
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TIMELINES FOR TIMESLIP STORIES

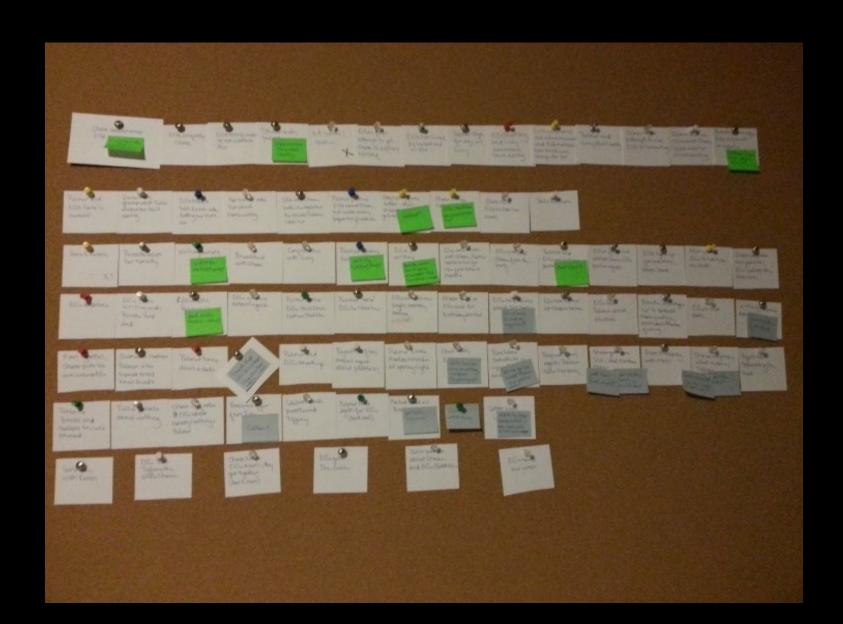
Voyage

01	1744	January: William Buccleigh MacKenzie is born.	Dragontly in Amber, Voyager			
		May 12: Faith is born.				
		In Paris, Claire and Jamie attempt to conspire against <u>Charles Stuart</u> , the "Bonnie Prince", hoping				
		to prevent the Jacobite Rising of 1745/46 and its				
		bloody end. Thinking that they have succeeded, they				
		return home to Scotland in the Fall.				
	1745	In late Summer, Jamie receives a letter from Charles	Dragonfly in Amber	May 8: The German capitulation ends	1945	
		Stuart, who officially claims the Throne – and who has signed Jamie's name as one of his supporters.		WWII in Europe. September 2: The Japanese capitulate		
		Now Jamie has no other choice but to fight for		after the nuclear bomb attacks on		
		Charles Stuart and try to help him win.		Hiroshima and Nagasaki. World War II		
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August: Charles Stuart sets foot on						
Scottish soil, first on Eriskay and then at Glenfinnan						
September 17: The Jacobites take						
Edinburgh.						
September 21: Jacobite victory over the		On the eve of the Battle of Prestonpans, Jamie gains				
Crown's troops under General John		important information from a young English scout				
Cope at Prestonpans.		named John William Grey.				
December: The Jacobites take Derby, a mere hundred miles from the gates of						
London, burt then they retreat north.						
	1746	March: Mary Hawkins marries Jack Randall.			1946	May 2, the day after the Beltane fest: Claire, who
Falkirk.						spends her second honeymoon with Frank in the
						scottish Highlands, steps into a split menhir in a
						circle of stones on the hill Craigh na Dun near Inverness and disappears.
April 16: The Crown's troops under		April 16: Since Claire is pregnant and he fervently				inverness and disappears.
William of Cumberland win the Rising's		wishes the child to survive, Jamie sends her back				
last battle on the moor of Culloden near		through the stones and into the future. Badly				
Inverness. After the bloodbath of		wounded, he survives the Battle of Culloden and				
Culloden they proceed with an ethnic		returns home to Lallybroch.				
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		During the first seven years after the battle he lives hidden in a cave on his own land.	Voyager, An Echo in the Bone, The		1948	Mid-April: Claire reappears in Inverness under mysterious circumstances. She is two months
		indich in a cave on his own land.	Scottish Prisoner			pregnant.
	1752	November 15: Ian Fraser Murray is born.	Voyager			November 23: Brianna Ellen Randall is born.
	1753	Jamie comes to Ardsmuir as a prisoner.				
	1755	John Grey becomes governor of Ardsmuir.				
The Seven Years' War Begins.	1756	Ardsmuir prison is closed; the prisoners are				
		deported into the New World. Thanks to John Grey, Jamie can continue his sentence as a paroled				
		prisoner on Helwater in the Lake District.				
		Lord John returns to London, where he gets	Hellfire			

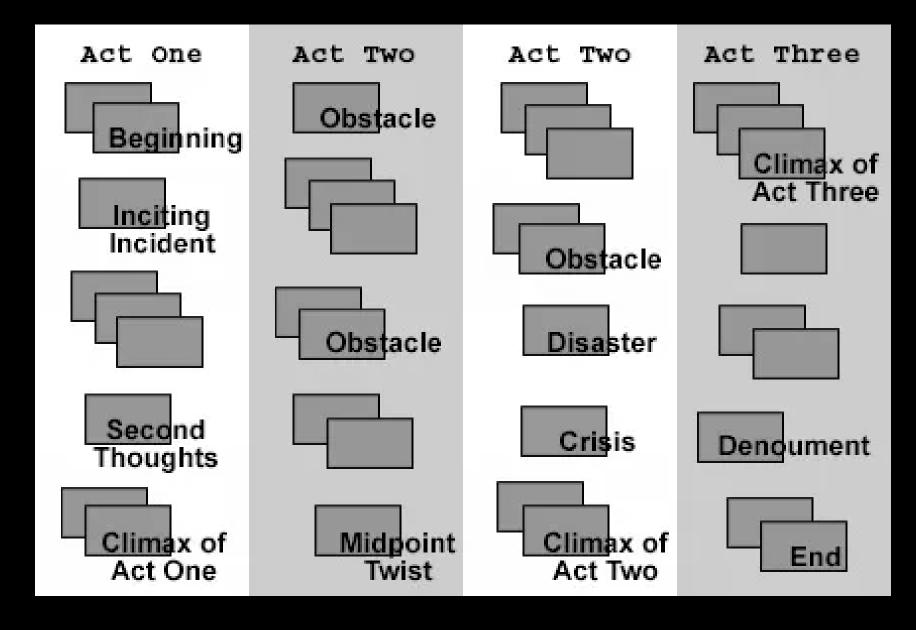
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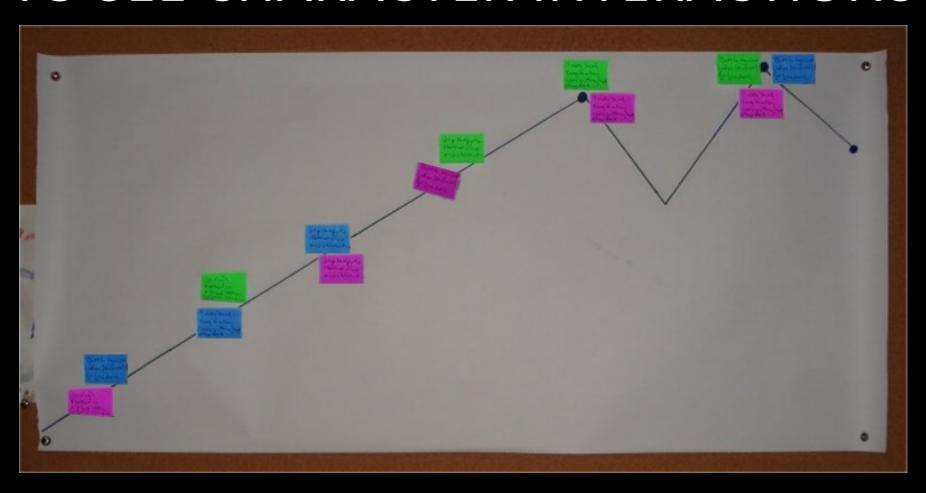
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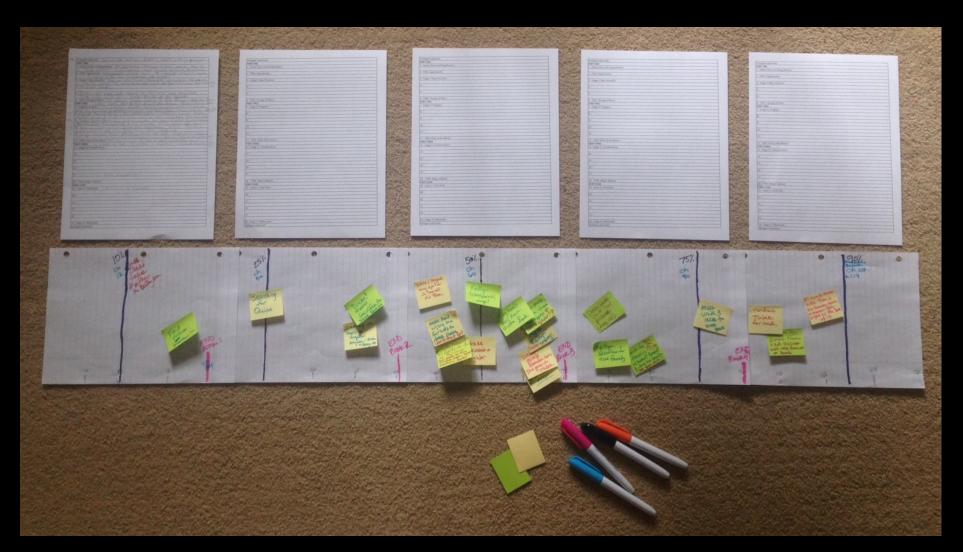
ADD DATES TO YOUR STORYBOARD



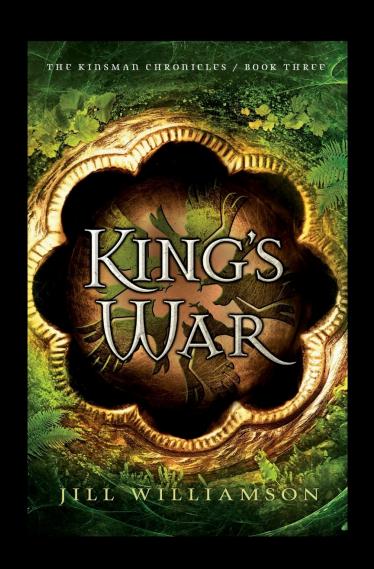
ADD TIMELINE DATES TO A PLOT DIAGRAM FOR A VISUAL PLOT STRUCTURE AND TO SEE CHARACTER INTERACTIONS



ADD TIMELINE DATES WHEN YOU STORYBOARD A SERIES

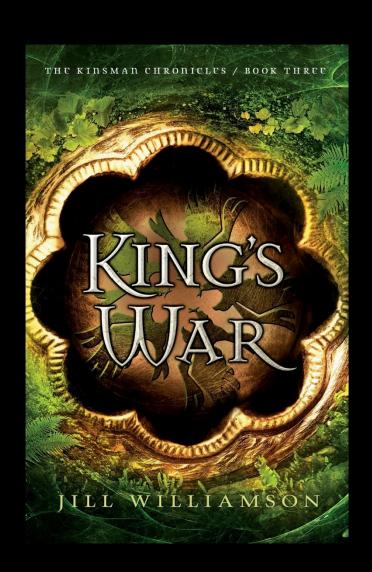


WHEN YOUR BOOK IS BROKEN, INCORPORTATE YOUR TIMELINE TO A CHAPTER BREAKDOWN

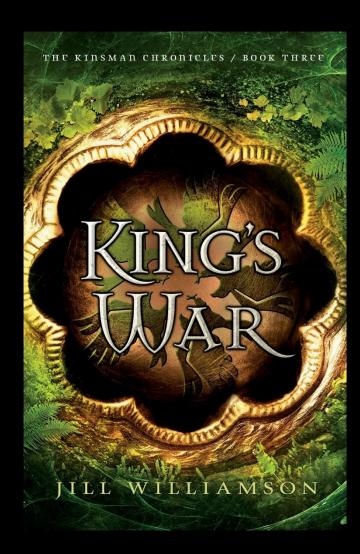




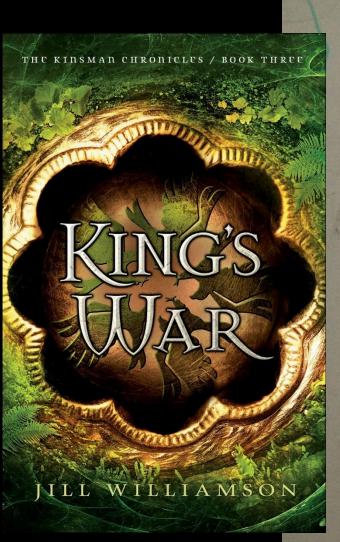
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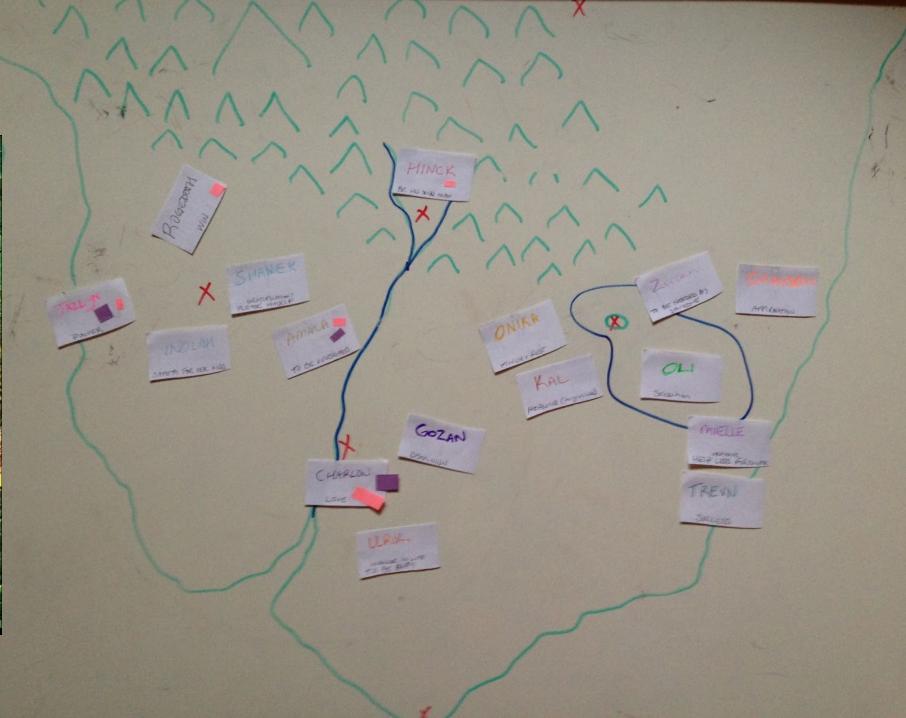












WHO COULD I COMBINE? HOW WILL THEY GET THERE? HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?



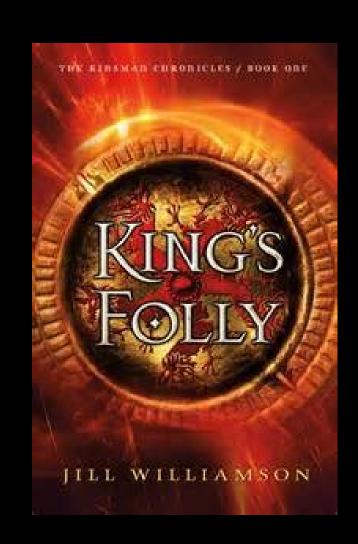


MAKE YOUR OWN

- -Decide what type on timeline you need.
- -Make a list of important events.
 - Births, wars, changes in government, new jobs, etc.
- -Add fun stuff too.
 - The smoke and mirrors makes readers think you thought of everything.
- -Have a reason for the events that really matter.
 - Darkness, Mr. Wickham, Timeline book/movie
- -Look for holes that need to be filled.
- -Look for things that aren't working and tweak them.
 - Beauty and the Beast prologue (10 year old kid learn how to love, cursed for 10 years...)

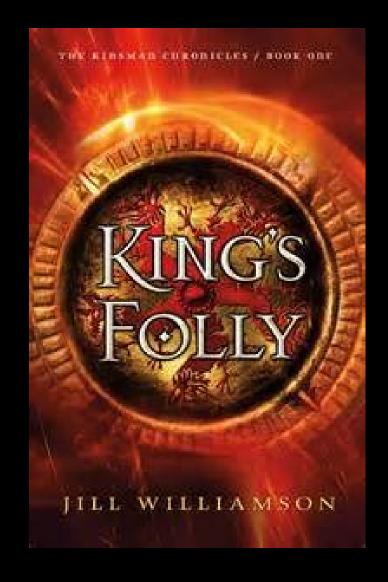
THE KINSMAN CHRONICLES

- Prequels can be trouble!
- I started with the oldest year mentioned in the book and ended with the current year.
- I added deaths of kings, coronations, marriages, and birthdates of royalty and main characters.
- I studied a timeline of England's kings to give inspiration as to length of rule, deaths, marriages, and successions, etc.
- I also referenced a timeline for the War of the Roses, which inspired ideas for minor political disagreements.
- I filled in dates for a recent war, an important treaty, and prophecies—all events mentioned in the story.
- I did this to a lesser extent with the other cultures in my series.

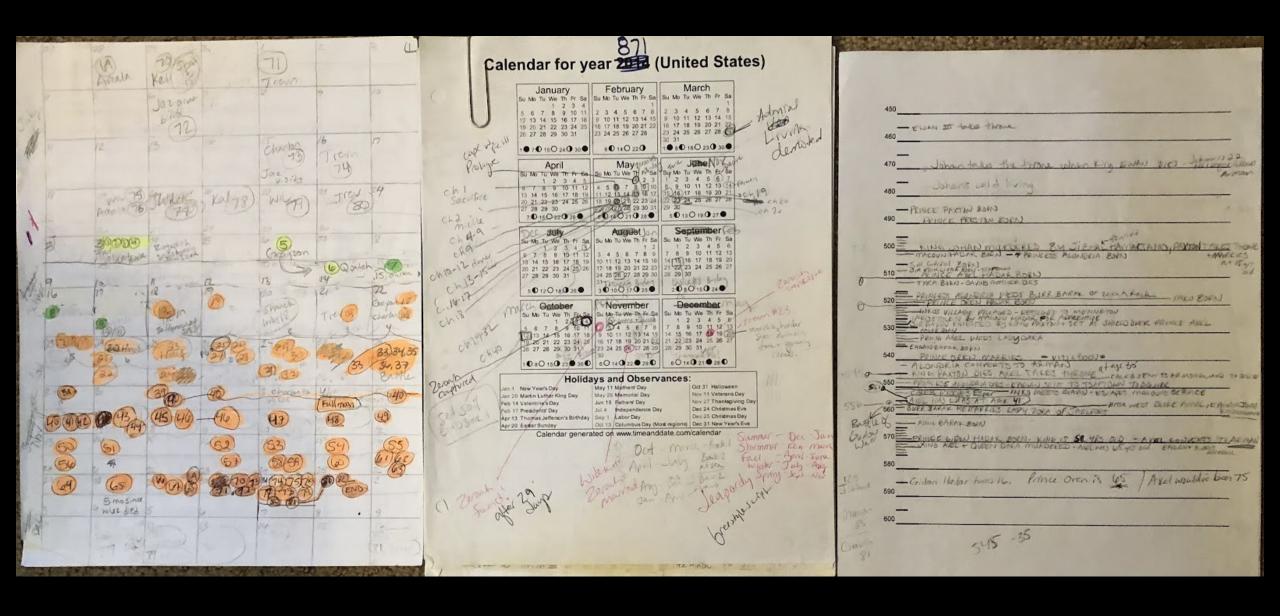


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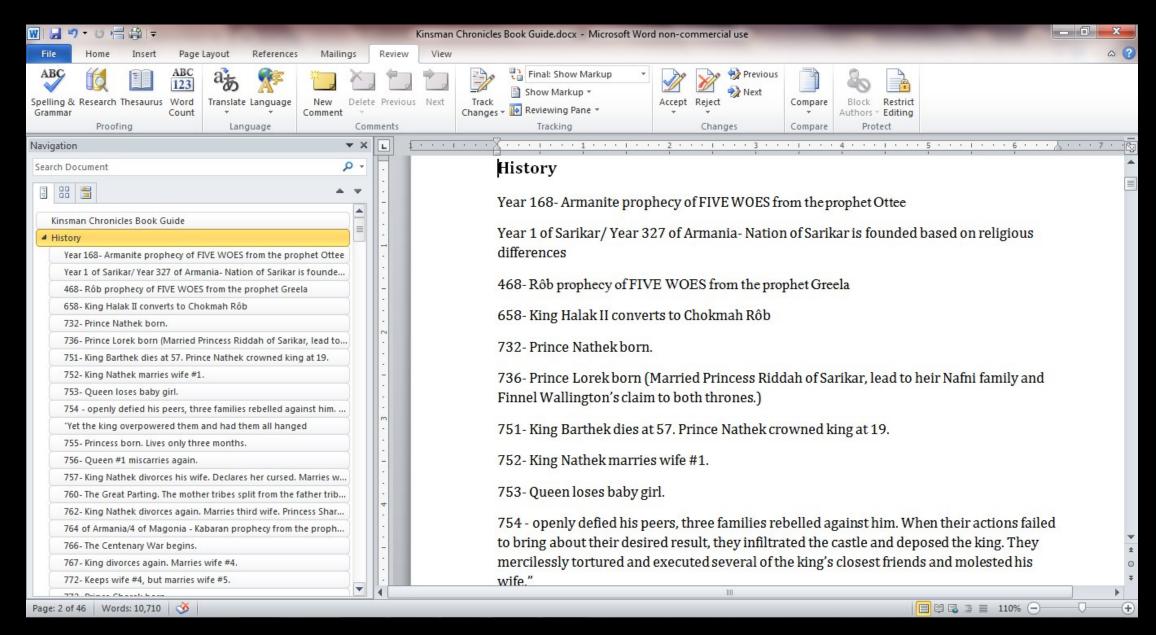
- Year 168- Armanite prophecy of FIVE WOES from the prophet Ottee
- Year 1 of Sarikar/Year 327 of Armania-Nation of Sarikar is founded based on religious differences
- 468- Rôb prophecy of FIVE WOES from the prophet Greela
- 658- King Halak II converts to Chokmah Rôb
- 732- Prince Nathek born.
- 751- King Barthek dies at 57. Prince Nathek crowned king at 19.
- 752- King Nathek marries wife #1.
- 753- Queen loses baby girl.
- 755- Princess born. Lives only three months.
- 756- Queen #1 miscarries again.
- 757- King Nathek divorces his wife. Declares her cursed. Marries wife #2.
- 760- The Great Parting. The mother tribes split from the father tribes. (Magonia year 1)
- 762- King Nathek divorces again. Marries third wife. Princess Sharmah born.
- 764 of Armania/4 of Magonia Kabaran prophecy from the prophet Theria- Five Woes/Deliverer.
- 766- The Centenary War begins.
- 767- King divorces again. Marries wife #4.
- 772- Keeps wife #4, but marries wife #5.



USE PAPER



USE WORD



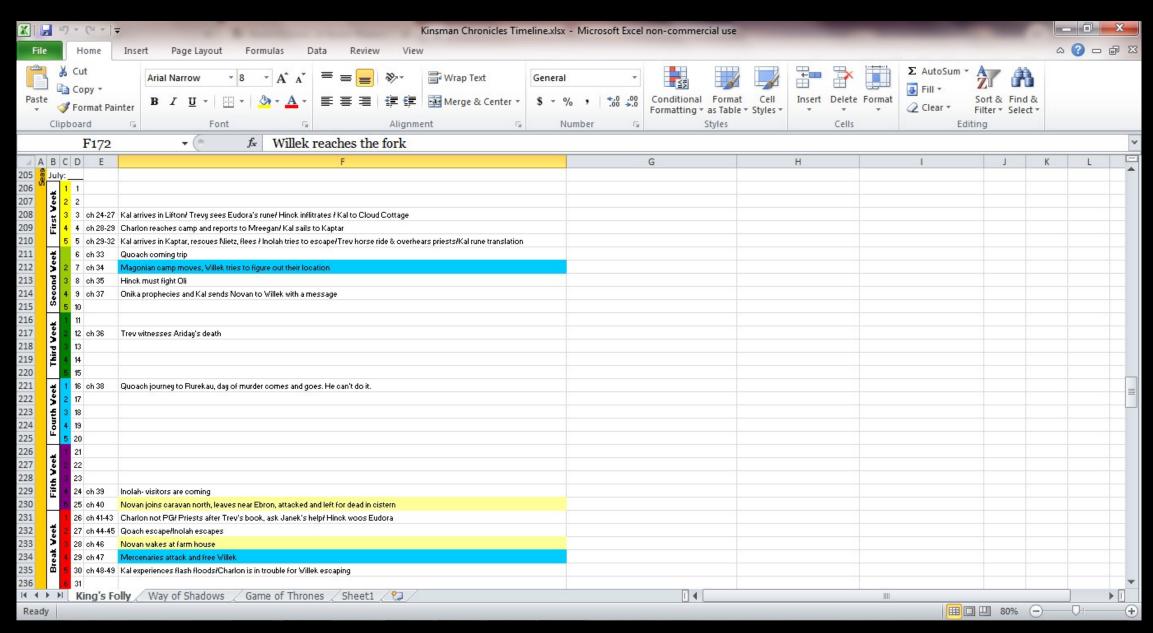
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STREET			Wednesday, March 26th	Jeremiah asks Piper out for that Friday. Detectives arrive at school and question Piper.	Gets assigned the LeVine case. Meets Piper. Knocks on neighbors doors and talks to them.			
	4			Mariano questions Piper, Piper goes to the LeVine's house and speaks to Lydia's parents.	Meets with the LeVine family. Admires Piper's honesty in contrast with Zola.			
				Piper questions Matthew He denies knowing that Lydia had feelings for him.				
ANIE MORRILL				Now that she knows Lydia didn't elope, Piper journals about Lydia in hopes of helping the investigation. She calls Mariano to schedule a get together the next		Villain keeps on truckin'.		

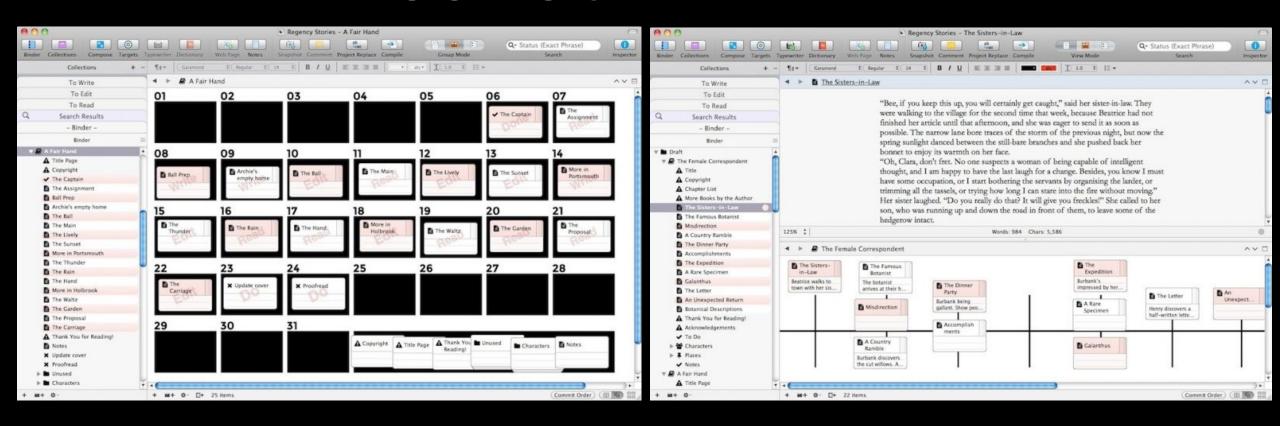
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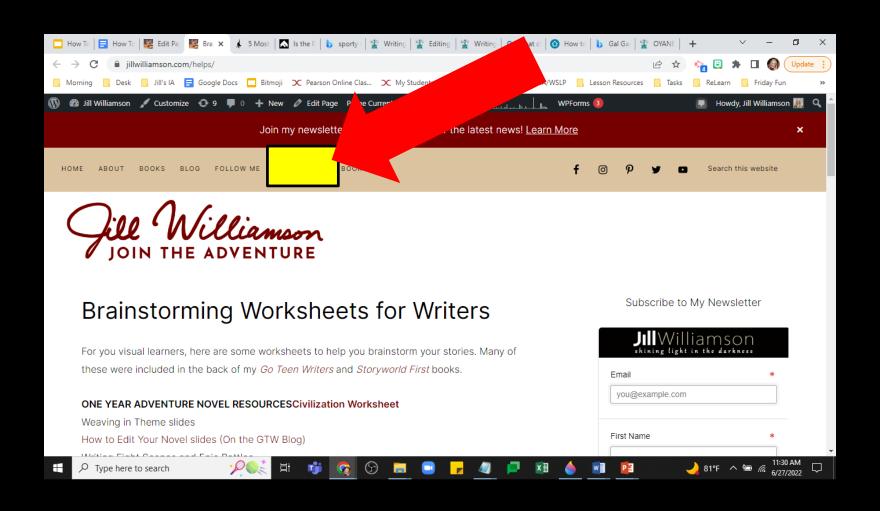
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