

**What positive ideal will the reader identify with your hero?**

Looking back at the way I've written Sam's character, love drives all his actions; love for his father, his friends and his mentor.

**What negative ideal would be the opposite of the hero's positive ideal?**

Hatred or selfishness, and Malcoth certainly embodies both of those. Unable to love or form relationships with others, he seeks to control and strike out at those who can.

**At what points (if any) does the story goal change?**

I think the whole story will be hinged on the goal of defeating Malcoth, and so it wouldn't change until the threat he represents is ended.

**Rewrite the Story Starter or Synopsis in your own words, adding what you've learned about your hero and the story goal. Keep it to two paragraphs.**

The country of Ashari was conquered by a ruthless wizard Malcoth and hordes of barbarian warriors over twenty years ago, and the entire royal family was murdered by the conquerors. Only the young prince and his lord protector managed to escape, the prince settling in with a loyalist family to live in secret and his protector fleeing into the wilderness, where he formed a revolutionary group to strike against the new regime. His son, Sam Felding, has never visited an Asharian city and has spent most of his life in the wilderness with the rest of his father's band, staying out of Malcoth's reach.

When Sam's father is captured by Malcoth's Skadi warriors (presumably to be tortured for information and then executed) and the rest of the revolutionary band are murdered, Sam escapes and swears to rescue his father from Malcoth's clutches<sup>1</sup>. However, he is soon pulled into a growing revolutionary movement, and every day they grow closer to stopping Malcoth, as Skadis defect and commoners flock to their ranks. But can they end Malcoth's tyrannous rule? And can Sam rescue his father?

Complete: 10  
Appropriate: 10  
Well thought out: 10  
Total: 30

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<sup>1</sup> Malcoth knows who Sam is, and had ordered his soldiers to capture him also. But when he escaped, Malcoth kept his father alive, knowing that Sam would eventually come to him if he did so.