

Chapter-by-Chapter Outline Template PDF

Detailed Blueprint for Your Autobiography

How to Use This Template

1. Complete one sheet per chapter.
2. Refer to your Timeline and Planning Workbook.
3. Use this to write efficiently—know exactly what to include before you start.

Chapter Outline Template

Autobiography Title: _____

Chapter Number: _____

Chapter Title: _____

Time Period Covered: _____

Central Theme: _____

1. Chapter Purpose

What's this chapter's role in your overall story?

- Establish background
- Introduce key people
- Show a turning point
- Develop a theme
- Build toward climax
- Provide reflection
- Other: _____

One-Sentence Summary:

This chapter is about _____, and by the end, readers will understand _____.

2. Key Events in This Chapter

List 3–5 main events (in order):

1. **Event:** _____
Significance: _____ 2.
Event: _____
Significance: _____ 3.
Event: _____
Significance: _____
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3. People Featured

Name	Relationship to You	Role in This Chapter

4. Settings & Sensory Details

Where does this chapter take place? What do readers see, hear, smell, feel?

- **Primary Setting:** _____
- **Key Sensory Details:** _____

5. Emotional Arc

How do you feel at the start vs. end of this chapter?

Beginning: _____

End: _____

Change/Realization: _____

6. Key Scenes to Write in Detail

Which moments deserve full "show don't tell" treatment?

Scene 1: _____

- Dialogue to include: _____
- Physical details: _____
- Internal thoughts: _____

Scene 2: _____

- Dialogue to include: _____
 - Physical details: _____
 - Internal thoughts: _____
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7. Reflections & Insights

What do you understand now that you didn't then?

- Lesson learned: _____
- How it shaped you: _____

- Connection to larger theme: _____

8. Connection to Next Chapter

How does this chapter lead into the next?

Transition: _____

9. Potential Quotes or Phrases

Powerful sentences you might include:

1. _____

2. _____

10. Writing Notes & Reminders

- Research needed: _____
- People to interview: _____
- Photos/documents to reference: _____
- Tone to maintain: _____

Complete Chapter List Worksheet

Use this to map all chapters at once:

Ch.	Title	Time Period	Key Event	Theme
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				