

FOOLSCAP GLOBAL STORY GRID – © Shawn Coyne
The Witcher Season 1

GLOBAL GENRE			
External Genre: Action > Epic > Savior OR War> Ideologically Pro-War			
External Value at Stake: (Action: Life - unconsciousness - death - damnation) (War: Defeat with dishonour - defeat with honour - victory with honour)			
Internal Genre: Geralt: Worldview Education; Yennefer: Status > Sentimental; Ciri: Worldview > Revelation			
Internal Value at Stake: Meaninglessness - cognitive dissonance - meaning/ success - failure			
Obligatory Scenes, Action: Villain’s inciting attack, hero sidesteps responsibility, hero lashes out, understanding the Macguffin, hero’s initial strategy fails, all is lost moment, hero at the mercy of the villain, expression of gift to save the victim and self Conventions, Action: Hero’s, victim’s and antagonists’ roles are clearly defined, speech in praise of the villain, fast-paced plot with action and excitement. See Editor’s 6 core questions for how these are met.			
Obligatory Scenes, War: An attack that challenges the morals of the protagonist and puts pressure on them, hero denies the responsibility to respond, a second calling, likely to a requirement to fight for someone or something. hero and soldiers lash out, hero’s initial strategy fails, all is lost moment (acceptance of fate), Big Battle, Hero rewarded and gain honor or dishonor. Conventions, War: The war is an essential part of story, team of soldiers on a battlefield confronting life and death stakes, one protagonist with offshoot characters, overwhelming odds, mentor or sidekick, hero brings their past into the war in the form of memories, assistance from unexpected sources, protagonist’s values are tested leading to sacrifice or failure to sacrifice. See Editor’s 6 core questions for how these are met.			
Point of View: Third Person			
Objects of Desire: Geralt: To save Ciri (external), To find meaning (internal). Ciri: To find the Witcher and be safe (external), to gain new meaning (internal)			
Controlling Idea/Theme: Action: Life is saved when 2 people (Yennefer and Geralt) are willing to sacrifice themselves. War: Honor is gained in war when a soldier (Yennefer) sacrifices for their fellow soldier, regardless of victory or defeat in battle.			
BEGINNING HOOK		External Charge	Internal Charge
Inciting Incident (causal): Cursed Duny is attacked when he asks for Pavetta’s hand in marriage.		-	-
Turning Point Progressive Complication (Character Action): In return for saving Duny, Geralt claims the Law of Surprise - and discovers that Pavetta is with his child.		?	+
Crisis (BC): Does Geralt take responsibility for the child or not?		-	-
Climax: Geralt walks away		-	--
Resolution: Geralt continues his life, and later is told by a woman that his destiny is the girl in the woods.		+	-
MIDDLE BUILD		External Charge	Internal Charge
Inciting Incident (causal): Geralt risks his life to save Yennefer from the Genie (and his last wish)		--	++
Turning Point Progressive Complication (Revelation): Geralt learns that Yennefer is on the quest to kill the Dragon.		-	+
Crisis (IG): Does Geralt break his principles to not get involved in meaningless quests and risk losing Yennefer in her dangerous quest?		-	-
Climax: Geralt joins the quest		-	+
Resolution: Both Yennefer and Geralt end up defending the dragon eggs and Yennefer suspects that the two of them are together because of magic and so chooses to leave Geralt. Finally, Yennefer makes Geralt realize his destiny is to save and protect Ciri.		++	-
END PAYOFF		External Charge	Internal Charge
Inciting Incident (causal): Cintra falls, Ciri runs, Geralt is captured and restrained		--	-
Turning Point Progressive Complication (Action): Nilfgaardians attack Sodden Hill, the key to the North		--	--
Crisis (IG): Does the council of Mages intervene?		--	+
Climax: The council decide not to intervene to save Cintra but Tissaia and other members of the Council of Mages decide to act on their own.		--	+
Resolution: Yennefer unleashes her power and saves the day after an epic battle that includes lots of innovative magic. Ciri and Geralt finally find each other.		+	+