How to Write your Own Science Fiction Plot

Come up with a cool idea.

It doesn’t have to be a well-polished idea.

It doesn’t have to be original. But put an original spin on it.

It doesn’t have to have a happy ending.

Would this work best as a performance (as a movie, a theatric production) or as a book story, written out?

How are you going to make it different than other stories?

Is it going to be about Milieu, an Idea, the Character, or an Event?

SCRIPT:

ABRAHAM LINCOLN: That’s right, Sam. I came back from the past, to solve your zombie problem. You’re not a zombie, are you, Sam?

SAM: Uh, no.

STORY:

The aged ex-president looked carefully at the young Guatemalan. “That’s right, Sam,” the tall bearded man said, in his soft, high-pitched Kentucky-accent.

NOW CREATE AN OUTLINE:

1. Introduction
2. Conflict
3. Climax
4. Resolution

Example:

Intro: Young Sam encounters a sleeping radioactive cat named Abraham Lincoln.

Conflict: Sam and Abe the cat discover a horde of zombie Donald Trumps.

Climax: Zombies corner the duo and Sam gets turned into a zombie with Abe the Cat having to decide to kill him or not.

Resolution: Sam dies. Abe dies. The zombies die.

Introduce your Characters in the Intro. Answer these questions in your story:

* Who are your main characters?
* What are their personalities like?
* How do they interact?
* When and where does this story take place?

How Soft or Hard is your Sci Fi story?

Soft: No explanation of technology or tools.

Hard: Go into detail explaining how scientific processes work.

Three choices:

1. Comic book
2. Written story
3. Movie trailer