

What is an Inciting Incident?

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Please explain Inciting Incident to me within the context of the 510+ stage hero's journey and screenwriting.

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The Inciting Incident kicks off the story.

The classic story timeline begins with a State of Perfection, which is lost.

Many stories begin off the classic beginning by expressing the State of Imperfection.

Generally, the State of Imperfection is expressed in two parts:

- The Inciting Incident – the Antagonism Representation causing or maintaining a State of Imperfection.
- The Hero's Ordinary State - an expression of the Hero's State of Imperfection; issues which will eventually be resolved.

For the full explanation, please read the 510+ stage Hero's Journey at <http://www.clickok.co.uk/ClassicHero.html>

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