



Plot Like a Pro with Plottr

Lisa A. Alzo reviews a powerful tool for plotting your family history book

OFTEN THE MOST DIFFICULT PART OF WRITING A FAMILY HISTORY book is getting started. There is nothing worse than sitting down to write only to stare at a blank page or empty screen and blinking cursor. One of the best ways to conquer the so-called “writer’s block” is to create an initial structure to guide you through the key elements of your story. Using software or digital programs can help to streamline this process. This article will cover how to use Plottr, <https://plottr.com> – an elegant visual tool for planning and outlining books that can be used alone or in combination with other writing software such as Scrivener, a professional writing application.

Getting Started

You can sign up for a 30-day free trial of Plottr at <https://lp.getplottr.com/free-trial>.

Plottr runs on current versions of Windows, macOS, on iPhones and iPads running iOS 13 or later, and on Android devices running Android 5 (Lollipop) or later.

Plottr is currently not supported on Linux. To learn about all the software requirements, see <https://docs.plottr.com/plottr-software-requirements>. For the full version, there are three pricing plans starting at \$25 USD (paid annually for use on one device). See <https://plottr.com/pricing>.

Once you activate the free trial, you can create a blank project, or select one of the Starter Templates.

- **Visualize Your Plot Points:** Drag and drop your scenes, plot lines, and character arcs.
- **Create Your Story Bible:** Organize your characters and places.
- **Export and Get Writing:** Export your work to Microsoft Word and Scrivener in seconds.

To get going quickly and to make the most of your free trial, watch the demos at <https://plottr.com/demos>.

Starter Templates

Plottr includes a growing number of templates based on proven storytelling techniques to help you

