

Analysis of The Matrix

Archplot Point	Description	Page(s)	Notes
The Ordinary World	Neo's Apartment. Lots of computer equipment. He is awakened by a prompt from the computer behind him, telling him to wake up. A message that he does not understand appears on the computer, "The Matrix has you." Then another message, "Follow the White Rabbit." Neo is doing something illegal involving computers and programming or software. Choi comes to the door and pays him \$2,000 for some hidden disks. She invites him to come with her. A white rabbit pin appears on her clothes, so he follows. At the party that Choi takes him to, he meets Trinity, who tells him she knows he is looking for the answer to what is the Matrix. Neo wakes up and is late for work at a software development company. His supervisor at the company threatens to fire him if he is late again.	12 - 15	The beginning of the film is Trinity, Morpheus, Agent Smith and an exciting chase scene.
Call to Adventure	A cellular phone is delivered to his desk by Fedex. It rings. It's Morpheus. Morpheus tells him that "They are coming for him." Neo asks who? Morpheus tells him to look at the elevator. He sees cops and Agents. Morpheus directs Neo's escape as if he can see everything.	15 - 18	
Refusal of the Call	Neo refuses to jump from one rooftop to another and is captured and handcuffed by the Agents.	pp. 18 -	
Meeting the Mentor	Neo meets Morpheus and is told what The Matrix is	p. 27	

Crossing the First Threshold	Neo swallows the red pill.	p. 28	
Tests, Allies, & Enemies	Morpheus and crew extract Neo's body from the pod, snatch it, operate on him and help him back to health and life. Once awake, Morpheus introduces Neo to the crew, shows him the Matrix, explains its purpose. Neo freaks out and passes out. Upon awakening, he says, "I can't go back, can I?" Morpheus asks if he would really want to. Neo decides against it. Morpheus explains their goals, begins Neo's training. Morpheus tells Neo that he believes him to be the reincarnation of an earlier man who could change the Matrix in any way he wanted. Prophecy says that this man would return and free humanity from the AI Neo's training begins – combat arts at first. Neo and the crew avoid a "Sentinel."	pp. 31 - 44	
Approaching the Inmost Cave	Cypher tells Neo that Morpheus has had 5 other "The One" who all died fighting an agent. Cypher is dealing with Agent Smith – scene Neo with Morpheus and others enters the Matrix again for the first time since leaving.	pp. 59 – 61 p. 62 p. 65	

	Neo and Morpheus go to meet the Oracle. Neo asks questions to test whether Morpheus will tell him the truth. Morpheus does not mention the 5 others who have failed. Neo hesitates and has doubts about meeting the Oracle. He says he doesn't believe in anything anymore, so what's the point of having the Oracle tell Neo what he is and will do. Neo confronts Morpheus over the previous five who died. Morpheus convinces Neo to enter the Oracle's room. The Oracle tells Neo he is not the One. She tells Neo that Morpheus believes in Neo so strongly that he is going to sacrifice his life for Neo. She also tells Neo that he will have to make a choice between Morpheus's life and his own.	pp. 69 – 70 p. 76	
Ordeal or the Inmost Cave	Neo, Trinity, Morpheus and others are attacked by the agents. Morpheus saves Neo from agent Smith but is forced to leave Morpheus to his fate by Trinity – who has been ordered by Morpheus to get Neo out. Morpheus is captured. Neo and Trinity escape and Trinity calls Tank saying they need an exit.	p. 80 pp. 85 – 86 p. 89	

	Cypher is busy killing everyone who went into the Matrix. He is talking with Trinity. He gets to Neo and is about to kill him, when Tank, who was previously shot is able to kill Cypher and able to get Trinity and Neo back. Morpheus is being interrogated by Agent Smith and others. Neo is able to see this.	pp. 90 - 95	
Climax or Seizing the Sword	Neo stops Tank from pulling Morpheus's cable and killing him to keep Smith from getting the information he needs for the resistance mainframe computer. Neo goes into the Matrix – he's made his choice (to sacrifice himself – according to the Oracle – to save Morpheus). Neo BELIEVES that he can bring Morpheus back. Trinity goes with him. Trinity and Neo walk into the building where they are holding Morpheus. They fight the guards.	pp. 99 - 100	
Reward	Neo saves Trinity. Neo is the one.	p. 114	
The Road Back	Morpheus calls Tank and gets an exit. Morpheus ends up back on the ship.		

Resurrection	The Agents have a position on the Nebuchadnezzar and send Sentinels to it. Agent Smith fires his gun at the phone booth just as Trinity disappears. The handset is destroyed. Neo can't get out. Agent Smith and Neo fight. An alarm sounds on the Nebuchadnezzar. The Sentinels are closing in. Neo is shot and appears dead, but is brought back by Trinity's confession of love and kiss. He then destroys Agent Smith and gets out of the Matrix. Just as he does, Morpheus fires the EMP and kills the Sentinels.		
Return with the Elixir	Neo on the phone explaining that he is done hiding. Whether he is done fighting is up to the AI that runs the Matrix. Neo says he believes that together they can make a better world.		