

PLOT DIAGRAM

Exposition

The *exposition* is the introduction to a story, including the primary characters' names, setting, mood, and time.

Conflict

The *conflict* is the primary problem that drives the plot of the story, often a main goal for the protagonist to achieve or overcome.

Rising Action

The *rising action* of the story is all of the events that lead to the eventual climax, including character development and events that create suspense.

Climax

The *climax* is the most exciting point of the story, and is a turning point for the plot or goals of the main character.

Falling Action

The *falling action* is everything that happens as a result of the climax, including wrapping-up of plot points, questions being answered, and character development.

Resolution

The *resolution* is not always happy, but it does complete the story. It can leave a reader with questions, answers, frustration, or satisfaction.