

Questions for Plot Structure

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Exposition _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where and when does the story take place?• Who are the protagonist and the most important characters to the protagonist?• What is the basic problem that the characters will need to overcome?• What action starts the story moving?
Rising Action _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the most important events leading to the climax?• What are good/bad things that happen?• What other characters do we meet that help move the story along?• Focus on actions not ideas or theme.• This section should include 8 – 10 specific plot events that move the story forward.
Climax _____ _____ _____ _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is this the most important event dealing with the main problem?• Does the story start "wrapping up" after this event?• Remember, this has to relate back to the characters' basic problem from the exposition.
Falling Action _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	Does it start wrapping up the story? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reaction to the climax• Questions being answered/mystery solved• Major characters leaving
Resolution or Denouement _____ _____ _____ _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How is the main problem solved?• What lesson did the main characters learn?

