What is the setting?

The time and place where a story happens

- Knowing the setting helps you visualize the text.
- Allows you to form expectations

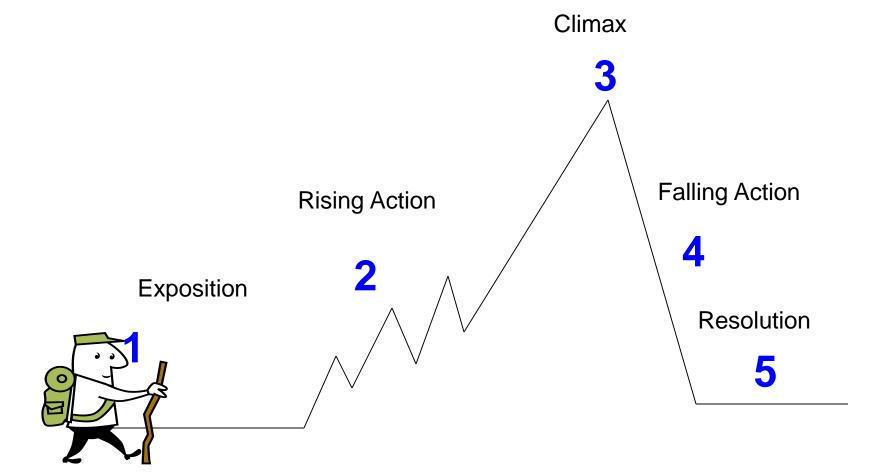
 Ex: If it takes place in the 1700s, there are no cars.

What is plot?

• Plot concerns the organization of the main events of a work of fiction. Most plots will trace some process of change in which characters are caught up in a conflict that is eventually resolved.

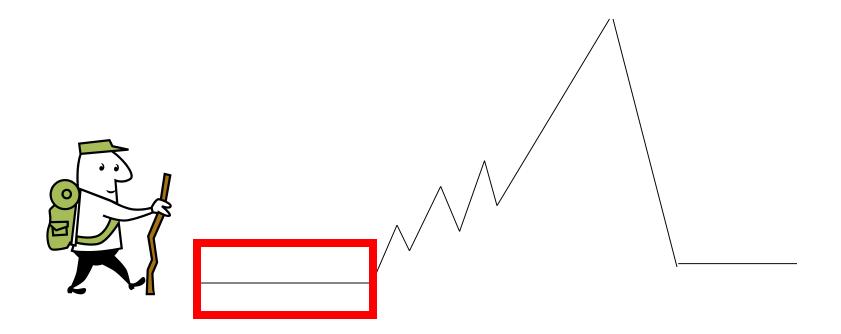


Plot Diagram



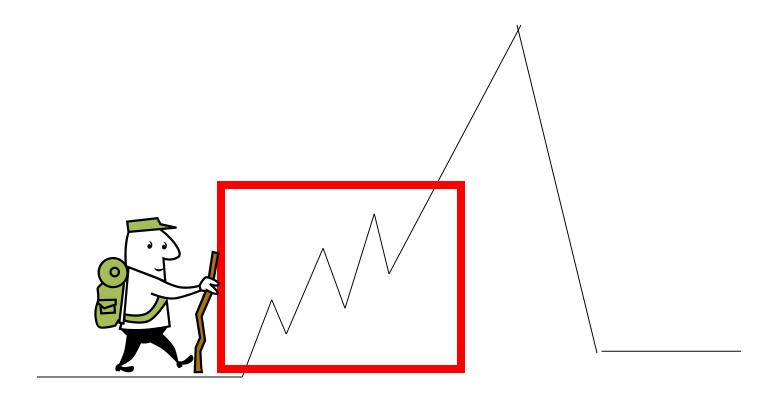
1. Exposition

This usually occurs at the beginning of a short story. Here
the characters are introduced. We also learn about the
setting of the story. This section also presents other facts
necessary to understanding the story



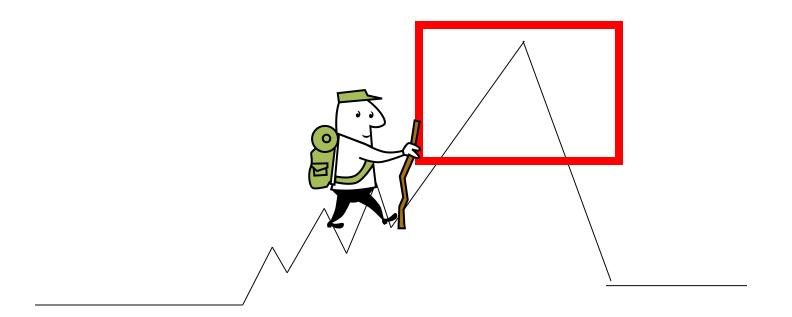
2. Rising Action

 The rising action includes all the events that lead to the climax. It also presents some type of conflict



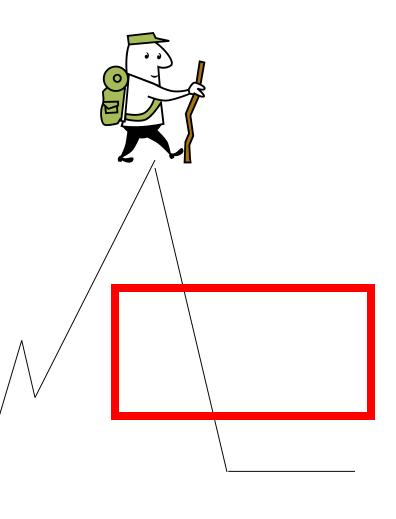
3. Climax

• The "high point". This is the turning point of the story. Usually the main character comes face to face with a conflict. The main character will change in some way.



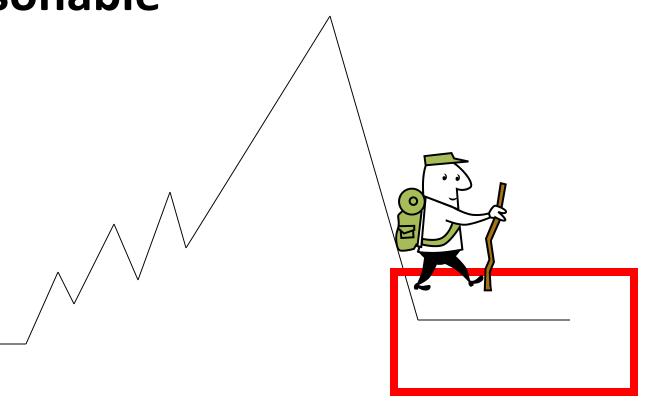
4. Falling Action

• All loose ends of the plot are tied up. The conflict(s) and climax are taken care of.



5. Resolution

 The story comes to a reasonable ending.



Conflict

• The struggle between two forces in the story. Conflict provides interest, suspense, and tension.

There are 5 types

- -Character vs. Character
 - * two or more characters have a problem
- -Character vs. Nature
 - * characters have to fight against a force of n
- -Character vs. Society
 - *character fights against rules of society. Ex/ a character fights racism
- -Character vs. Self
- * The character is dealing with an internal struggle. Usually moral ex/ Tom Sawyer doesn't know if he should testify in court against Injun Joe
- Character vs. Technology
 - Frankenstein a scientifically created creature that becomes a destructive monster.



Character Review

Characters

• The people, animals or creatures in the story

- Static: Character stays the same
- **Dynamic:** Character changes in some way

- Characters
 - Protagonist: The main character;
 the hero
 - Antagonist: The character who is in conflict with the protagonist in some way; the "bad guy"

Point of View — narrator's position in relation to the story

• This is where the story is told through a main character's eyes. The story is told using 1st person personal pronouns such as I, me, we, or us.

3rd person limited

• This is where the narrator is not a character in the story and talks about the characters. The narrator has a limited perspective and can only read *one* character's mind, feelings, and motive.

• 3rd person objective

 narrator who tells a story without describing any character's thoughts, opinions, or feelings; instead, it gives an unbiased point of view.

• 3rd person omniscient

• This is where the narrator is not a character in the story and is "all-knowing". This type of narrator can read every character's feelings, motives, and thoughts.

The Rarest Point of View

• 2nd Person

• Rarely seen in novels or short stories. If used, generally interactive type stories. Generally found in directions and recipes using the understood subject of YOU. Personal Pronoun: You and Your.