

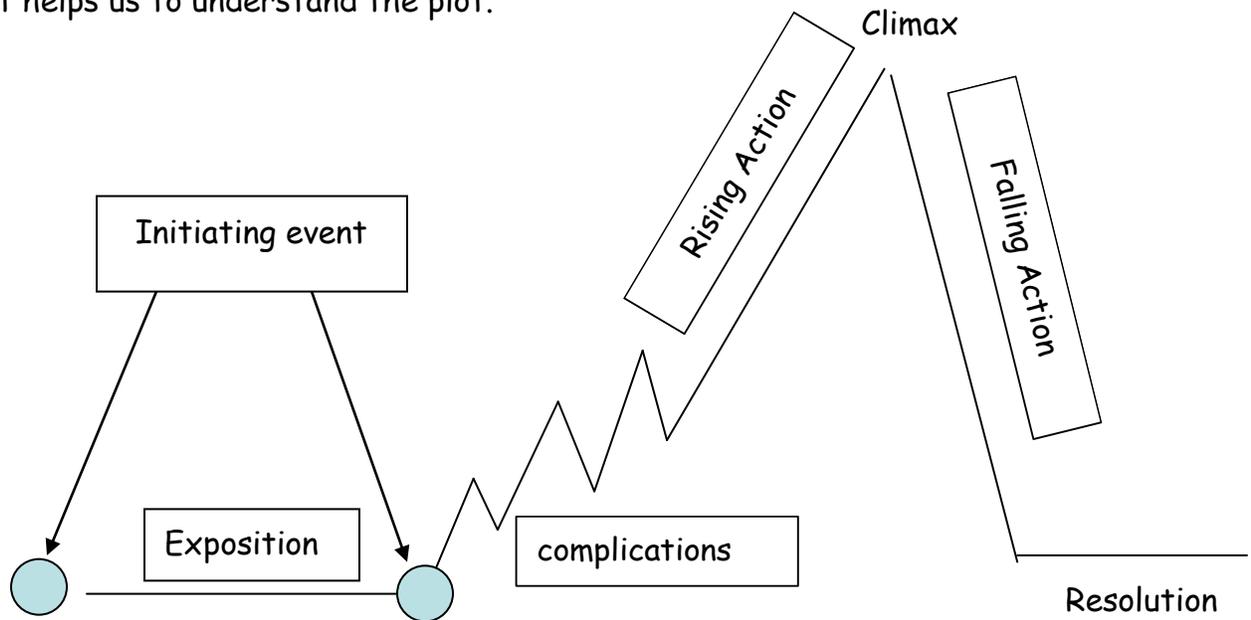
Component	Description/Function
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## Plot Diagram Notes for the Teacher

(Accompanies Intro to Plot PowerPoint and  
Interactive Plot Diagram student activity)

Plot is the sequence of events that make up a story. Each event results from a previous event and causes the next event to happen

The Plot Diagram is used to map out the sequence of events in a story. It helps us to understand the plot.



<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Exposition</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The beginning part of the story</li> <li>• This part of the story usually... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gives you background information you need to know</li> <li>- Introduces the main characters</li> <li>- Describes the setting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Initiating Event</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The event that causes the main conflict in a story.</li> <li>• It may have occurred before the story began.</li> <li>• It is often where the main character sets his/her goal.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rising Action</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Middle of the story</li> <li>• This part of the story introduces the conflict.</li> <li>• There are usually a series of events leading to the climax. The main character has trouble reaching his goal because of complications.</li> <li>• A building of interest or suspense occurs.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Complications</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A series of smaller <b>problems</b> a character must face before reaching his/her greatest challenge.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Climax</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nearing the end of the story</li> <li>• This is the turning point of the story.</li> <li>• It is the most intense point of the story.</li> <li>• The main character faces the greatest challenge.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Falling Action</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End of story</li> <li>• The loose ends are tied up.</li> <li>• The story decreases in intensity.</li> <li>• The conflict ends.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Resolution</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very end of story</li> <li>• The story comes to an ending.</li> <li>• The conclusion</li> </ul>

## The Plot Diagram: Guided Notes

Component	Description/Function
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The _____ of the story.</li> <li>• This part of the story usually...               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gives you _____ you need to know</li> <li>- Introduces the _____</li> <li>- Describes the _____</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The event that causes the main _____ in a story.</li> <li>• It may have occurred _____ the story began.</li> <li>• It is often where the main character sets his/her _____.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The _____ of the story.</li> <li>• This part of the story introduces the conflict.</li> <li>• There are usually a _____ leading to the climax. The main character has trouble reaching his goal because of _____.</li> <li>• A building of _____ or suspense occurs.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A series of _____ a character must face before reaching his/her greatest challenge.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nearing the _____ of the story.</li> <li>• This is the _____ of the story.</li> <li>• It is the most _____ point of the story.</li> <li>• The main character faces the greatest _____.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The end of the story.</li> <li>• The story _____ in intensity.</li> <li>• The _____ ends.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The _____ end of the story.</li> <li>• The story comes to an _____.</li> <li>• The _____</li> </ul>

Word Bank for Structured Notes (L1-L2)

beginning

background information

main characters

setting

smaller problems

turning point

intense

very

conflict

before

goal

challenge

decreases

conflict

middle

series of events

complications

interest

ending

conclusion

end

