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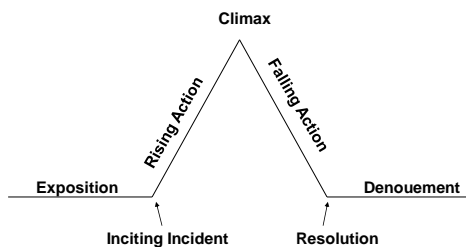
PLOT DIAGRAM NOTES

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- The sequence of events in a literary work.

PLOT DIAGRAM



Plot Definitions

- **Exposition** – The beginning of the plot structure. Reveals the setting, the relationships between the characters, and the situation, as it exists before the conflict begins.
- **Inciting Incident** – Introduces the central conflict

Plot Definitions Continued

- **Rising Action** – The series of conflicts or struggles that build a story or play toward the climax.
- **Climax** – The high point of interest or suspense in a story.
- **Falling Action** – The element of plot that describes the action that takes place after the climax.

Plot Definitions Continued

- **Resolution** – The end of the conflict.
- **Denouement** – The events that occur after the resolutions; the explanation or outcome of the literary work.

Harrison Bergeron Plot Diagram

EXPOSITION

- Setting:
 - 2081
 - Society is completely equal due the 211, 212, 213 Amendments to the Constitution
 - United States
 - Bergeron Home
- Characters
 - George Bergeron
 - Hazel Bergeron
 - Harrison Bergeron
 - Handsome, Athletic, Strong, Brave, Rebellious, Idealistic
 - Handicapper General
 - Agents of this office strictly enforce the equality laws.

Harrison Bergeron Plot Diagram

INCITING INCIDENT

- In April, 14-year-old Harrison was taken away from George and Hazel for plotting to overthrow the government.
- Man vs. Society
 - Harrison vs. Society (Government)

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RIISING ACTION

- George has great intelligence, but he cannot use it because of the mental handicaps he is forced to wear.
- George thinks a little about his son, but a gun sound pops in his head, leaving him white and trembling. Two of the ballerinas are also afflicted with the same noise.
- One of the ballerinas interrupts the TV program for a news bulletin warning that Harrison has escaped from jail and that he is very dangerous.

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CLIMAX

- Harrison says, “I am the emperor,” barging into the studio and frees himself from handicaps.

FALLING ACTION

- A ballerina joins him and they dance and play music (also removes musicians’ handicaps).
- The Handicapper General comes into the studio and emotionlessly kills Harrison and the ballerina.

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RESOLUTION

- Society returns to normal; no dent is made, and George and Hazel cannot even remember what happened.

THEME

- Dangers of total equality
- Freedom
- Law and order
- The theme of this story is that total equality is not worth striving for. It can have dangerous outcomes such as those in the story.