

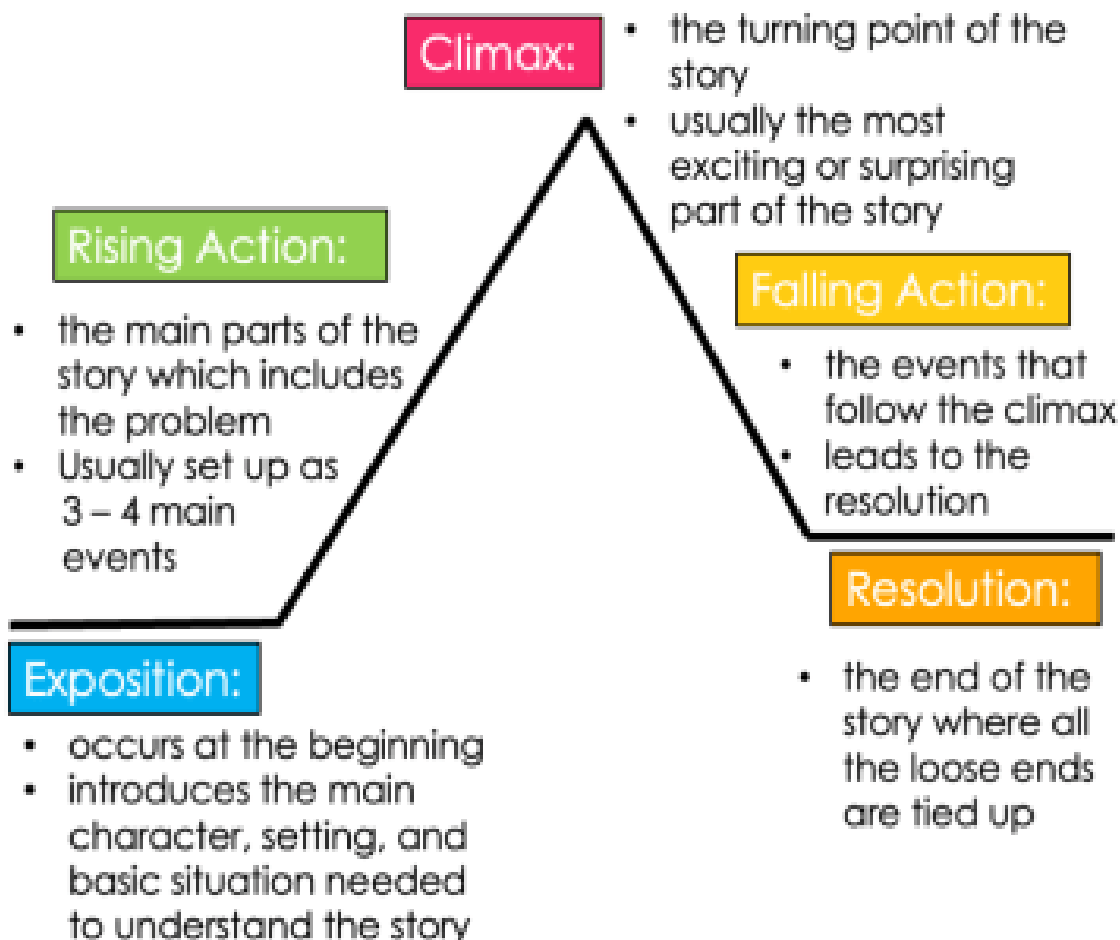
# Reading Comprehension Strategies

1. **Connect** the story to your **own life**.
  - a. How is your life similar to the story? What is different?
  - b. What do you have in common with the main characters?
  
2. Connect the story to **other stories** you have read or heard.
  
3. Question: **What** is happening? **Why** is it happening? What will happen **next**?
  - a. Look for **cause and effect** relationships  
(i.e. because this event happened, this result occurred)
  - b. **Inference**= an educated guess based on what is happening now
  - c. **Prediction**= an educated guess about what **WILL** happen in the future
  
4. Search the story for **context clues** to figure out what is going on and answer questions.
  - a. Look up unfamiliar vocabulary words and use context clues to infer their meaning.
  
5. What is the story's **climax(es)** and the **resolution(s)**?
  
6. **Summarize** what happened. Focus on the most important events, not the details.
  - a. How did the **characters change** during the story? Why did they change?
  
7. What is the **author's message** and/or what is the **theme**?
  - a. What **lesson(s)** did the characters learn?
  - b. How did the story make you **feel**?
  - c. Would you **recommend this story** to someone else? Why or why not?

# PLOT ELEMENTS

The **plot** of a story is the series of events that make up a story.

There are five plot elements in a story.



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