**Definitions**

A **plot diagram** is a tool that is commonly used to organize a story into certain segments. Once the parts of the plot diagram are identified, it is easier to analyze the content. A plot diagram also gives a common framework for analyzing and understanding written prose.

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| plot diagram |

**Exposition or Introduction**

The exposition or the introduction introduces the characters, describes the setting and establishes the problem in the story.

**Rising Action**

The rising action is where the suspense builds and the problem gets worse and becomes more complicated. There are often multiple steps or parts in the rising action.

**Climax**

The climax is the turning point in the story. It is usually the most exciting part in the story and the part that makes the reader want to keep reading.

**Falling Action or Denouement**

The falling action are the events that happen after the climax that lead to a resolution or ending to the story.

**Resolution or Conclusion**

The resolution is the outcome of the story. It is how things end up or turn out for the characters.