**Checkpoints**

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Plot Analysis

1. Define "plot."

* Plot - the series of events in a story

1. What is the first part of the plot called?

* First part of the plot - the exposition

1. What three things must the first part of the plot accomplish?

* The exposition must - introduce the main character(s), the setting, and the main character's conflict

1. How quickly must this first part of the plot be completed?

* The exposition must occur in the first paragraph; sometimes it also continues in the second paragraph.

1. The second part of the plot is called the rising action. A step in the rising action occurs every paragraph or in every dialog. What must each step of rising action accomplish?

* Each step in the rising action must increase the readers' understanding of the conflict that was introduced in the exposition and will end in the climax.