

Define "plot."

The plot of a story is the series of events in a story or the steps of action in a story.

Describe rising action.

The rising action is steps in the action that introduce obstacles which increase the conflict.

Describe the climax of a story.

The climax is the one sentence where the conflict introduced in the initial incident ends. Thus it is the turning point of the story.

Describe the falling action of a story.

The falling action ties up loose ends and eases the tension.

Discuss what is wrong with this plot diagram.



The falling action is far too long, as the climax is very near the end off the story!

How many stages are there in a plot?	Five
How many steps of falling action are there?	3 to 5 steps of falling action (in 3 to 5 paragraphs)
How often is there a step in the rising action?	In a short story - 1 or 2 steps every paragraph In a novel - 1 or 2 every chapter
List the five stages in a plot.	Exposition Rising Action Climax Falling Action Resolution
What does the resolution help convey?	The story's theme

What is the resolution and what can it be compared to?

It is the very last action and it can be compared to the "freeze frame" at the end of a movie

What three aspects of a story are introduced in the exposition?

Main Character
Conflict
Setting

Where is the climax found?

Short story -
on the last page or right before the last page

Novel -
beginning of the last chapter or
at the end of the next to last chapter
