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Plot Diagramming Notes

1. Exposition: the beginning of a story, where the audience is introduced to the characters

2. Inciting Incident: what starts the conflict going, the spark that starts the story

3. Rising Action: the buildup of the story, what your characters go through to get what they want or need

4. Climax: the highest point of dramatic action or tension in a story

5. Falling Action: the action after the climax between the conflict and the resolution.

6. Resolution: when the conflict of the story is ended, resolved, or fixed

7. Dénouement: action that happens after the conflict is resolved
Definitions

• Conflict: a struggle between a protagonist and an antagonist.

• Plot: what happens in a story.

• Protagonist: the main character in a story.

• Antagonist: the person, entity, or force the protagonist faces.