

# Plot Structure Reference Sheet

**Climax:**

The turning point of a story when the tension and conflict become most intense, and often when a significant change occurs

**Rising Action:**

The section of text that comes after the exposition, when the story begins to get complicated and the central conflict is introduced

**Falling Action:**

The part of the plot that comes directly after the climax when conflicts introduced earlier in the text begin to be resolved

**Exposition:**

The beginning of a story, in which the characters, setting, and context are introduced

**Resolution:**

The conclusion of the story, generally when the conflict is finally and fully settled