Five Elements of a Story

Introduction - Exposition
Rising Action
Climax
Falling Action
Resolution - Denouement
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Title: __________________________________________
Author: ________________________________________

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Note: Often while reading you will find a main plot or problem and also a minor problem. Select the overall problem for 1 and make notes about it in column 1. Select another important problem for 2 and make notes about it in column 2. They might be related to the main character or others in the story. When finished, compare the two problems or plots.
Plot Graphic Organizer:

Climax (high point/turning point-Main character faces the conflict and goes through a change)

Conflict (problem)

Rising Action (tension increases)

Failing Action (moves towards solution)

Plot Triangle

Introduction (setting & characters)  Resolution (solving conflict/problem)
Elements of Plot

1. Exposition
   - Introduction of characters and setting
2. Rising Action
   - Conflict introduced, characters gain awareness of problem
3. Climax
   - Intense conflict or issue reaches its peak
4. Falling Action
   - Conflict resolved, characters return to normal
5. Resolution
   - Resolution of the story, loose ends tied up, characters taken care of

Elements of Narrative: Plot Analysis

The story begins with the exposition, where the setting and characters are introduced. The rising action follows, introducing the main conflict or problem. The climax is the intense peak of the story, where the conflict reaches its climax. The falling action allows the characters to resolve the conflict, and the resolution ties up all loose ends.
### Story:

Identify the key pages for the main elements of the plot:

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**Introduction** (Describe how the story begins, how the plot is revealed and how the characters are revealed.)

**Rising Actions** (Describe the events that happen that lead to the climax.)

**Climax** (What is the turning point, the most exciting part of the school, when the plot changes for better or for worse.)

**Falling Action** (Events that lead to the conclusion of the story; what happens that leads to the resolution.)

**Outcome** (How the story wraps up to leave the reader satisfied.)
THE PLOT SHIFTS...

If you were the author, what would you change about the plot of the story?
Be sure to tell why.
Plot Peak

The three main parts of a story are the introduction, climax, and resolution. What happens in each part? Answer the questions.

**Introduction**

Who are the main characters?

What is the main conflict?

**Climax**

How is the conflict resolved?

**Resolution**

What happens after the problem is resolved?
Plotting the Plot

Title:

Climax or Turning Point

Introduction or Exposition

Rising Action Events

Falling Action Events

Solution or Resolution

Author:
**Story Plot Terms**

**Directions:** Fill in the required information for each section below in numerical order. Use the information that appears with each section to help you proceed. It's okay to write through the gray diagonal line in two of the sections.

1. **Exposition**
   - The **Exposition** appears at the beginning of the story. The author introduces the setting, characters, and background information.

2. **Rising Action**
   - As the story progresses, the **Rising Action** introduces complex actions and problems for the main characters. These difficulties create suspense.

3. **Climax**
   - The **Climax** of the story is when the reader is most interested in how the story will end. The suspense is at its peak, but the outcome is not clear yet.

4. **Falling Action**
   - The **Falling Action** appears at the ending of the story. Suspense has been diminished, and these events show characters' lives returning to normal.

5. **Resolution**
   - The **Resolution** is the final solution to the problem or conflict. In stories with happy endings it's called the denouement. Tragic endings are termed **catastrophe**.
Visualizing Plot

Directions: Fill in the required information in each section below as indicated. Be as specific as you can in each section.

The story begins with...

A problem the characters have is...

They try to solve the problem by...

They finally solve the problem when...