

Plot Structure Diagram

TURNING POINT
(The main event between the protagonist and the antagonist or the moment for which the reader has been waiting.)

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Name _____

Date _____

Period _____

RIISING ACTION 6
(The major events that lead to the turning point.)

FALLING ACTION 7
(The major events that lead to the resolution.)

CHARACTERS *	
Protagonist and Main Character(s)	
Antagonist	
SETTING *	
Time	Place

CONFLICT * 3
(What's the problem between the protagonist and the antagonist?)

RESOLUTION 4
(How was the conflict solved?)

THEME
(The lesson or message the author is trying to help us understand.)

*Characters, Setting, Conflict and Mood (how the story makes you feel) combine to create the **EXPOSITION** which helps you "get into" the story, novel or movie from the very beginning.

- How To Figure Out the Theme**
1. Actively read the text.
 2. Fill out the Plot Structure Diagram (follow the circled numbers)
 3. Examine the conflict, resolution and turning points.
 4. Ask yourself, "What is the lesson the protagonist learned?"
 5. Reword #4 so that it can apply to anyone who reads the story.