

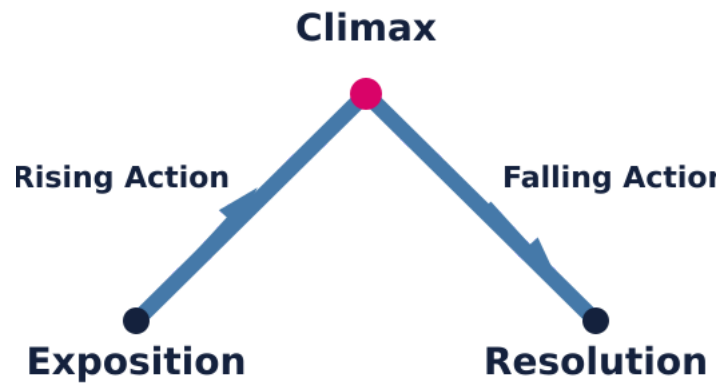
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Plot Mapping: Narrative Arc & Conflicts

1. The Narrative Arc

Every great book follows a narrative arc. Use the diagram below as a guide to map out the key events of your story. Think about how the tension builds to the climax and then resolves.



2. Map Your Plot Points

Exposition: Introduce your main characters, the setting, and the everyday world before the story really begins.

Rising Action & Inciting Incident: What event kicks off the story? What obstacles does your protagonist face as the tension builds?

Climax: This is the turning point and the most exciting part of the story! What is the ultimate showdown or biggest decision your character must make?

Falling Action & Resolution: How do the characters deal with the aftermath of the climax? How does the story wrap up, and how has the main character changed?

3. Key Conflicts ✂️



Types of Conflict:

- **Internal Conflict (Character vs. Self):** A struggle inside the character's mind (e.g., facing a fear, making a tough moral choice).
- **External Conflict:** A struggle against an outside force (e.g., Character vs. Character, Character vs. Nature, Character vs. Society).

Main Internal Conflict

What is your protagonist struggling with on the inside? What fear or flaw must they overcome?

Main External Conflict

Who or what is standing in your protagonist's way in the physical world?

Answer Key

2. Map Your Plot Points

Answer:

(Student answers will vary. Example: A young boy named Leo lives in a quiet, boring town where nothing ever happens.)

Answer:

(Student answers will vary. Example: Leo finds a glowing map in his attic. He and his best friend follow it into the forbidden woods, dodging traps.)

Answer:

(Student answers will vary. Example: Leo confronts the shadow creature guarding the lost treasure and realizes he must sacrifice the treasure to save his friend.)

Answer:

(Student answers will vary. Example: They escape the woods safely. Leo realizes adventure is about friendship, not gold. The town seems a little less boring now.)

3. Key Conflicts

Answer:

(Student answers will vary. Example: Leo struggles with self-doubt and feels he isn't brave enough to be a hero.)

Answer:

(Student answers will vary. Example: The shadow creature trying to trap them in the woods forever.)