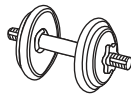


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Diagramming the Plot of a Story



A plot diagram is a map of major events in a short story or novel. Read about the parts of a plot diagram, then use the diagram to fill out the details of a story that you have recently read.

- Exposition:** Setting. Where and when does the story take place? What is the main conflict or problem? Who are the main characters and what are they like?
- Rising Action:** The struggle that the main character experiences leading up to the climax.
- Climax:** The peak of the conflict, right before the main problem in the story is solved.
- Falling Action:** The telling of how the major parts of the story are resolved and tied up.
- Resolution:** The reader sees how the main character or situation has changed.

