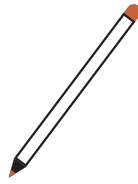


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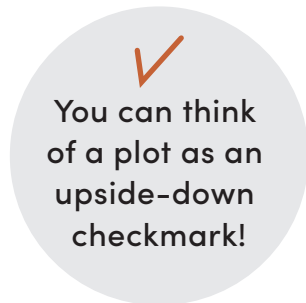
A **plot diagram** is a map of the structure of a work of fiction, such as a short story or novel. Read about the parts of the plot diagram, then fill out the details of your story below.

Exposition Introduces your protagonist, or main character, and the setting in which your story takes place. Includes the goal or problem, what your protagonist wishes to achieve. This is what the story will be about.

Rising action climax Challenges the protagonist experiences in trying to get what he or she wants. The turning point in the story. The protagonist makes a decision that will determine whether he or she will reach the goal.

Falling action The protagonist wins by achieving the goal, or loses by failing to reach the goal.

Resolution All the loose ends are tied up, and the protagonist's life gets back to normal.



Rising action climax

Rising action

Falling action

Beginning and goal/problem

Resolution

Beginning

End