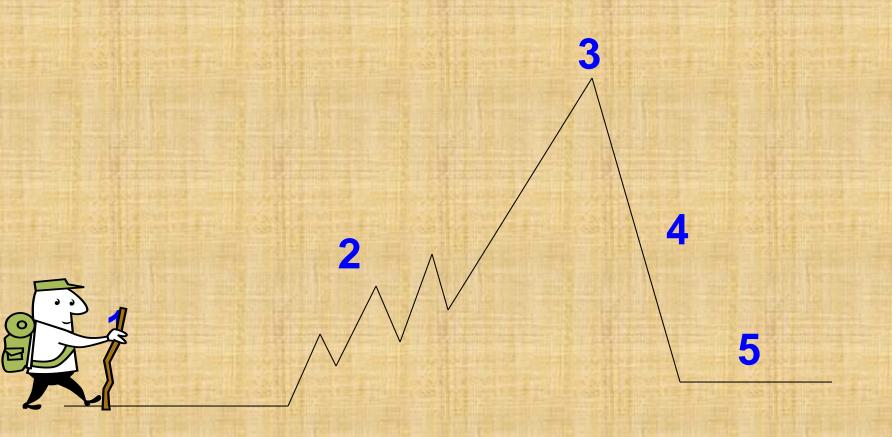
# Identifying the Elements of A Plot Diagram

Student Notes



# Plot Diagram



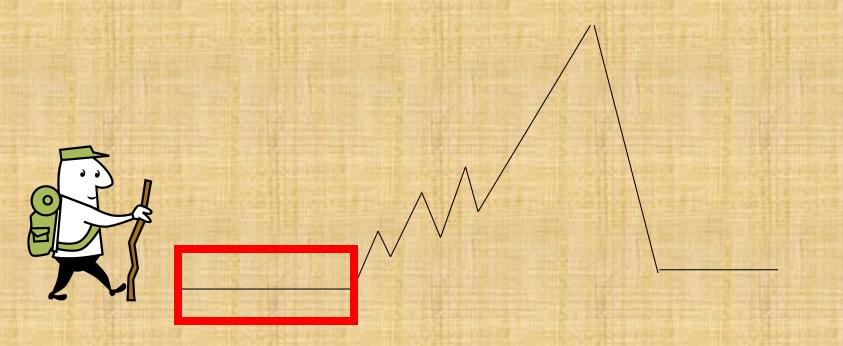
## Plot (definition)

 Plot is the organized pattern or sequence of events that make up a story. Every plot is made up of a series of incidents that are related to one another.



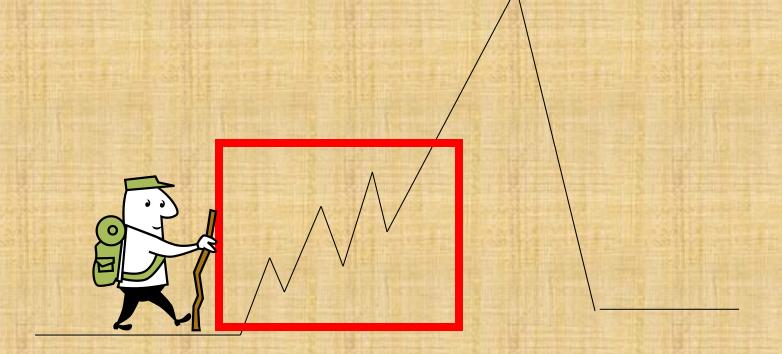
## 1. Exposition

 This usually occurs at the beginning of a short story. Here the characters are introduced. We also learn about the setting of the story. Most importantly, we are introduced to the main conflict (main problem).



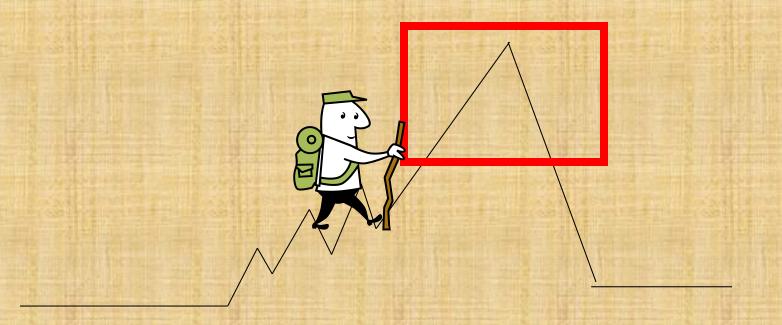
#### 2. Rising Action

 This part of the story begins to develop the conflict(s). A building of interest or suspense occurs.



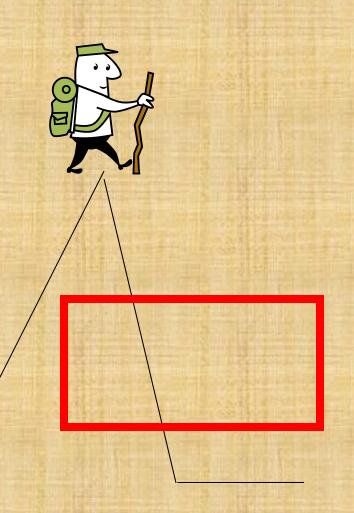
## 3. Climax

This is the turning point of the story.
 Usually the main character comes face to face with a conflict. The main character will change in some way.



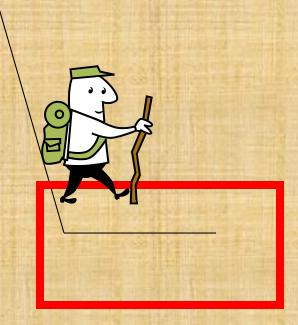
## 4. Falling Action

 All loose ends of the plot are tied up. The conflict(s) and climax are taken care of.



## 5. Resolution

 The story comes to a reasonable ending.



#### Putting It All Together

1. Exposition

Beginning of Story

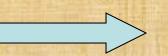
2. Rising Action

**Middle of Story** 

3. Climax

4. Falling Action

5. Resolution



**End of Story**