

Plot Structure Diagram

Name _____

Date _____

Period _____

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

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RISING ACTION ④
(The major events that lead to the turning point.)

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

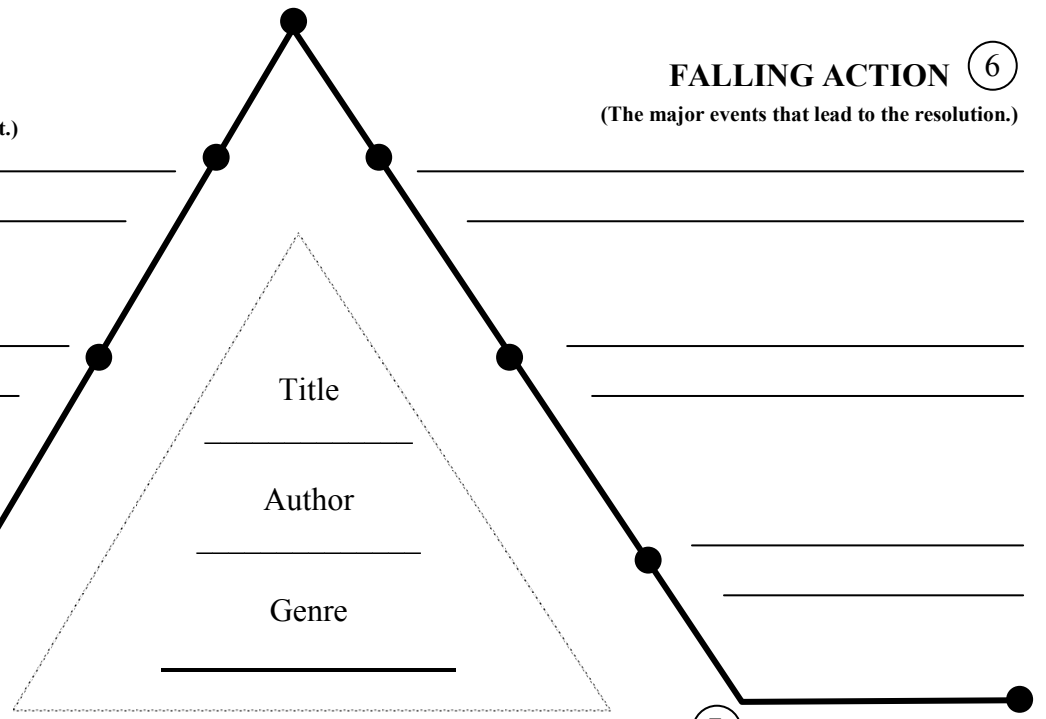
CLIMAX

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

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FALLING ACTION ⑥
(The major events that lead to the resolution.)

⑦ **RESOLUTION**
(How was the conflict solved?)



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- 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.

*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.