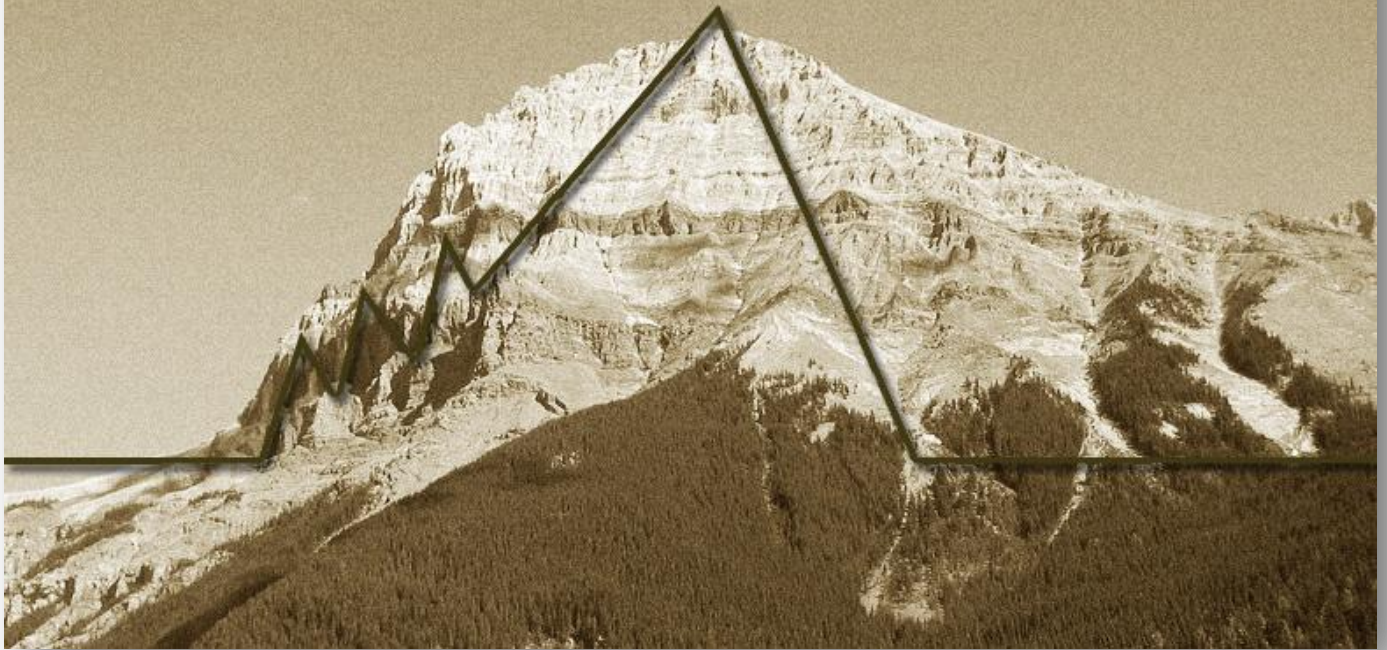


Identifying the Elements of a Plot Diagram

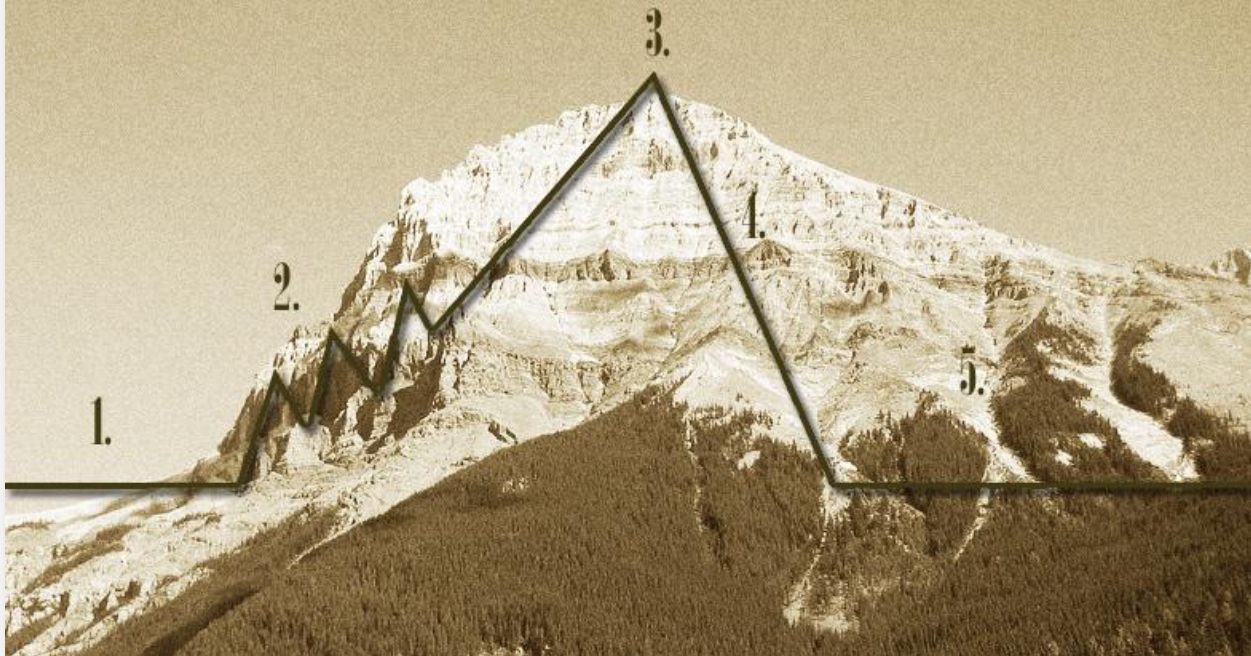


Plot (Definition)

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.



Plot Diagram



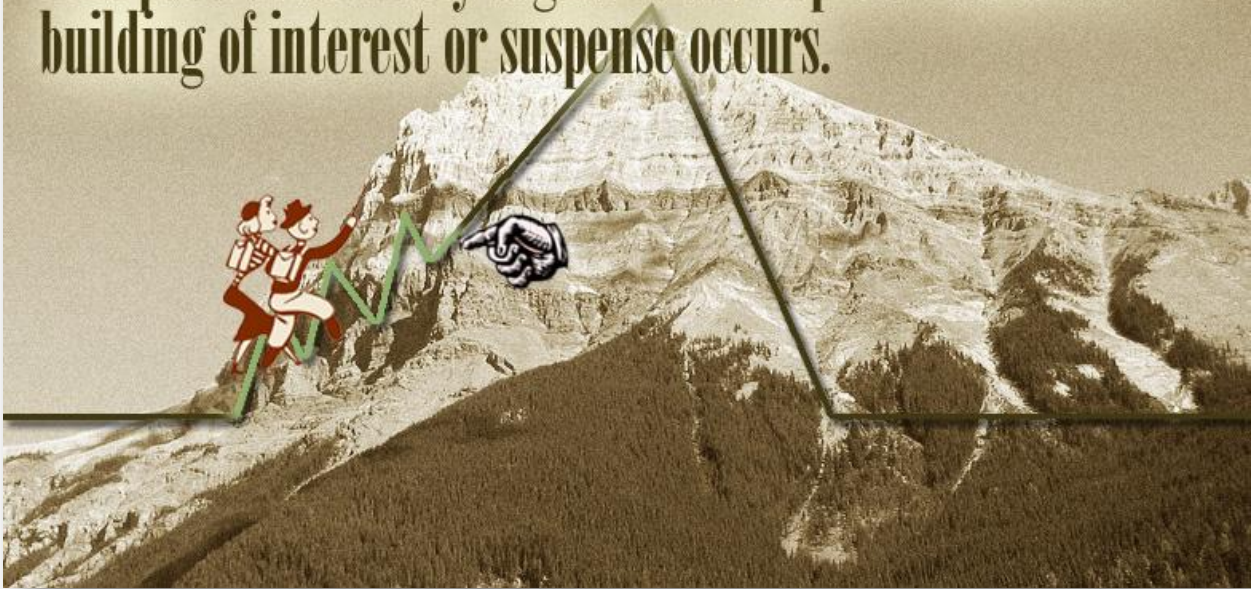
1. Exposition

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).



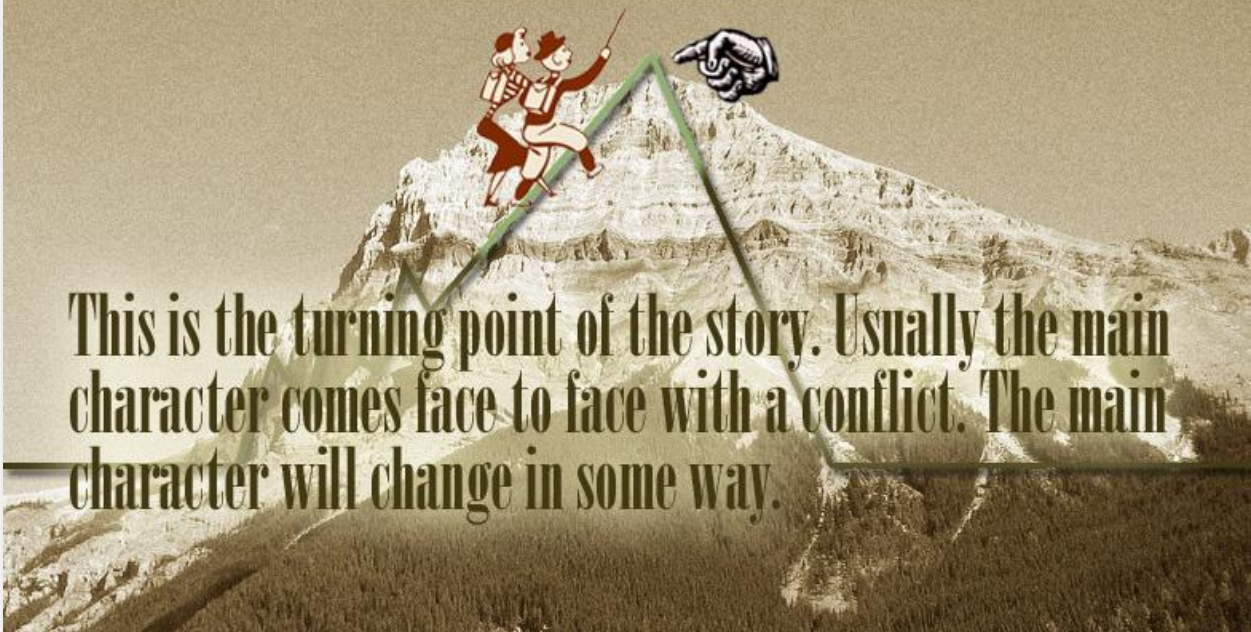
2. Rising Action

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.

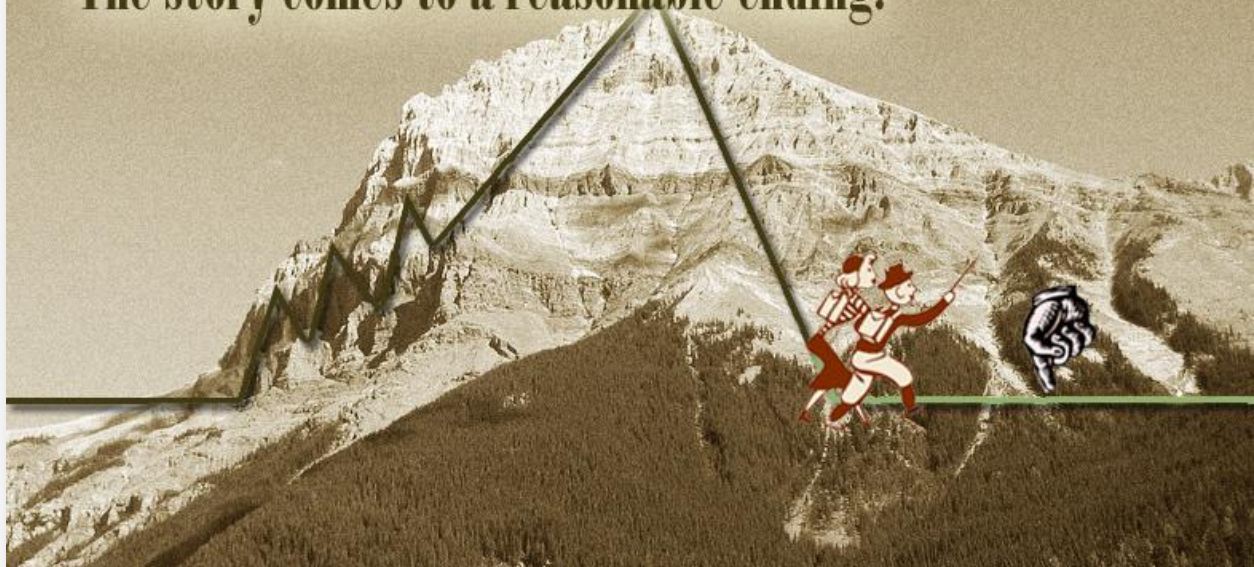


4. Falling Action



5. Resolution

The story comes to a reasonable ending.



Putting It All Together

1. Exposition

2. Rising Action

3. Climax

4. Falling Action

5. Resolution

Beginning
of Story

Middle of Story

End of Story

