Plot, Conflict, and Setting

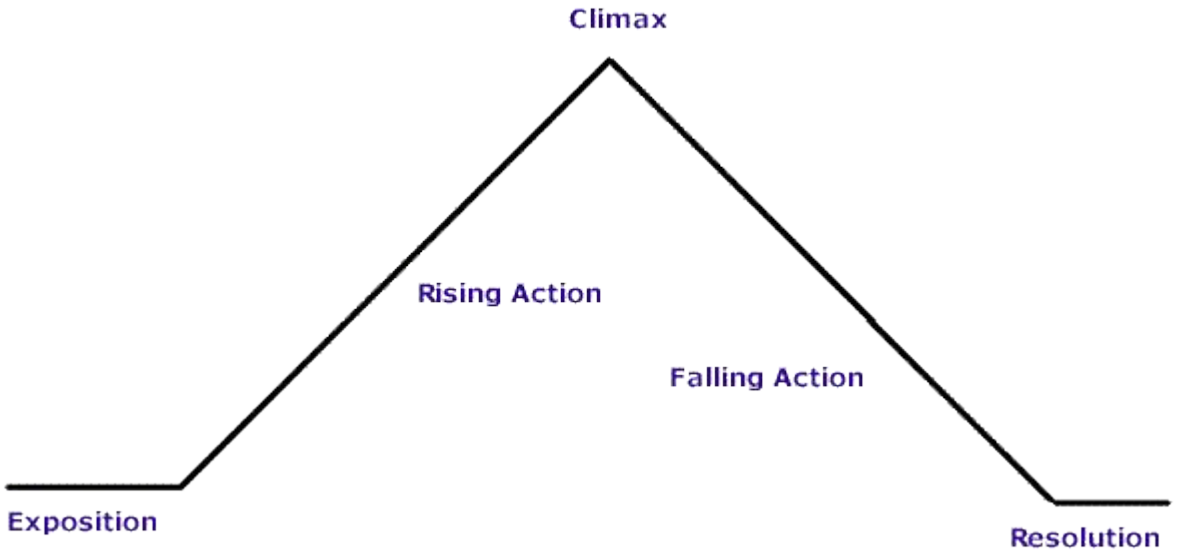
Take Notes!

What is plot?

Plot: The main ideas of a story or what an author uses to present ideas and guide the reader.

Think of plot as a roller coaster!

Plot Diagram



Lets look at the Elements of Plot with Cinderella!

Exposition

Exposition is a literary device used to introduce background information about events, settings, characters etc. to the audience or readers.

Exposition

Once upon a time, in a land far away, there lived a girl named Cinderella. She lived with her evil stepmother and two evil step-sisters.

Rising Action

Rising action in a plot is a series of relevant incidents that create suspense, interest and tension in a story.

Rising Action

Everyday, the evil step-mother made Cinderella work all day long and into the night. One day, an invitation to a ball was sent to all the young maidens of the kingdom, but the evil step- mother would not allow Cinderella to go to the ball and locked her in her room. Cinderella thought all hope was lost until her fairy godmother appeared. Dressed in a beautiful gown and glass slippers, face a crisis. Cinderella rushed off to attend the ball.

As the clock struck 12, Cinderella ran away as fast as she could. Although Prince Charming looked for her, all he found was a glass slipper. The plot thickens…

Climax

Climax is a structural part of a plot and is at times referred to as a crisis. It is a decisive moment or a turning point in a storyline.

It is the highest part in the story.

Climax

Cinderella held her breath as Prince Charming gently slipped the glass slipper onto her foot. Prince Charming took Cinderella by the hand and made her his bride.

Falling Action

The falling action comes after the climax of the story. The falling action includes the events after the climax that bring the story to the resolution.

Falling Action

Cinderella went to live with Prince Charming in the beautiful castle on the hill.

Resolution

The resolution, or denouement, is derived from a French word called “*denoue*” that means “to untie”. The denouement is a literary device which can be defined as the resolution of the issue of a complicated plot in fiction.

It is then ending of the story.

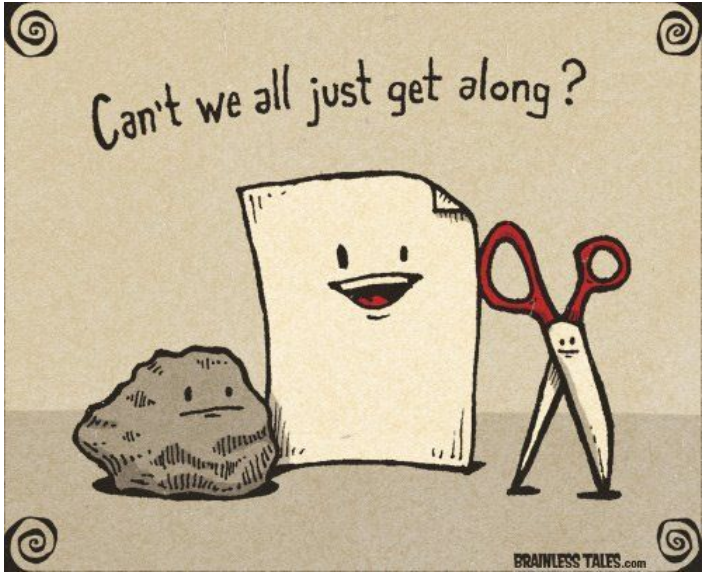
Resolution

Cinderella and Prince Charming lived happily ever after.

Conflicts

7 Types of Conflict

- Person vs. Person
- Person vs. Society
- Person vs. Nature
- Person vs. Self
- Person vs. Fate
- Person vs. Technology
- Person vs. Supernatural



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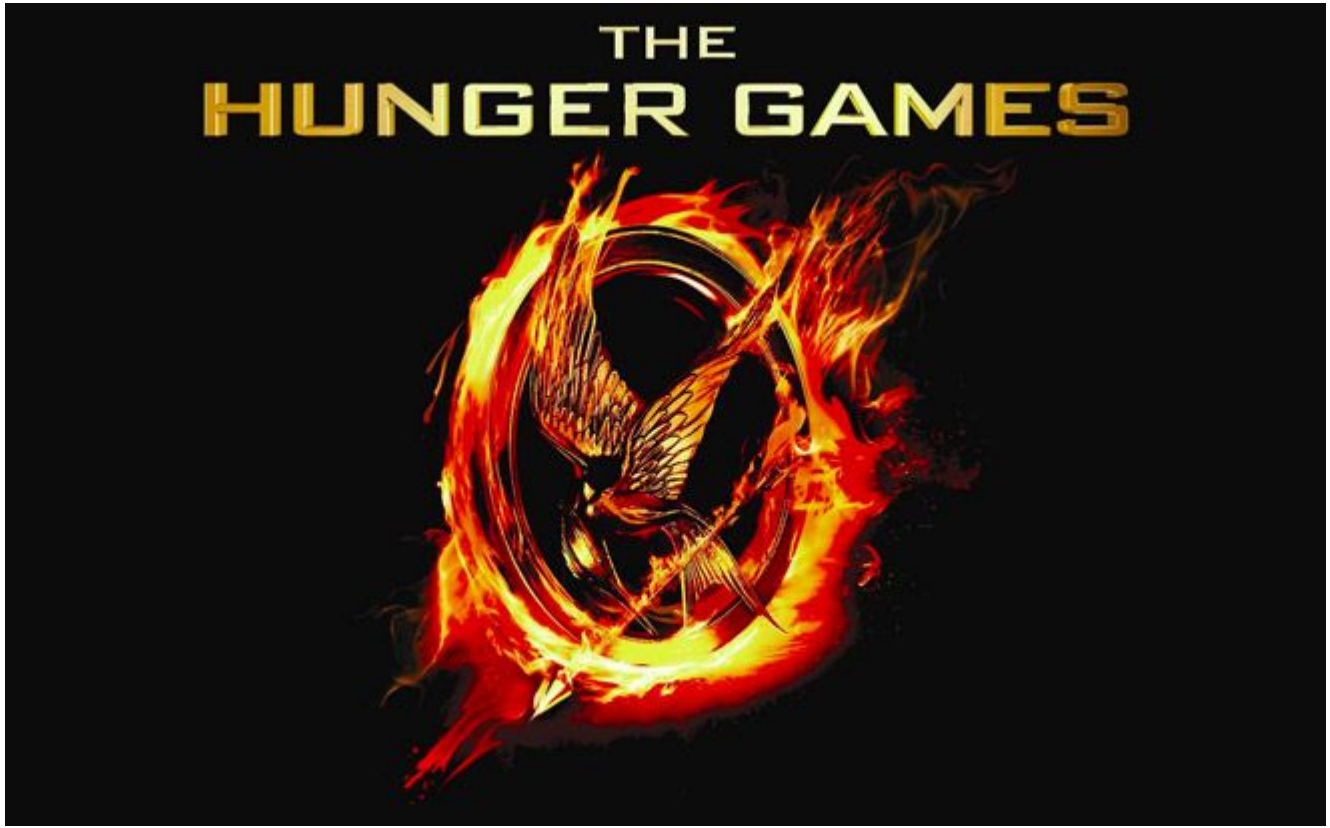
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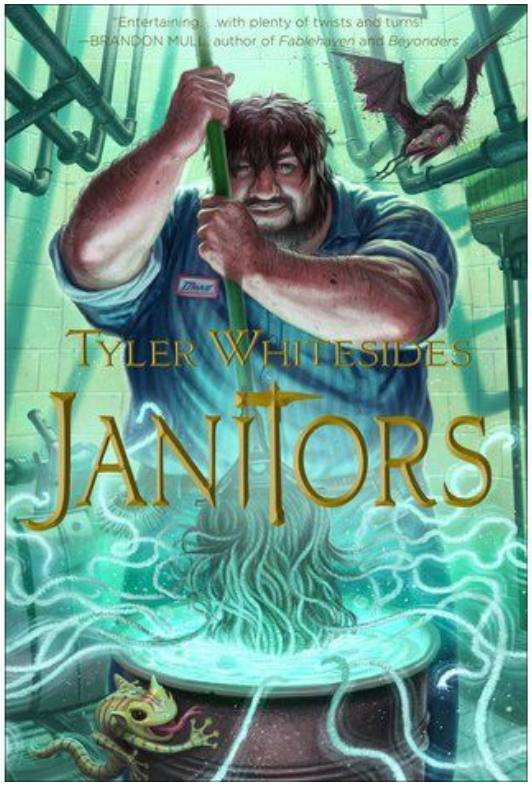
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What is setting?

Setting is an environment or surrounding in which the an event or story takes place. It may provide particular information about placement or timing such as New York City in the 1920s.

What is the setting in Cinderella?

Possible Answers

- In a far away land
- Cinderella’s house (A farm-type house out in the country)
- Prince Charming’s castle

Watch each video

Fill out the plot diagram as you watch the video

a. Exposition: include characters, setting, and place
b. Rising Action: include all the events that lead up to the climax
c. Climax: what is the highest point of the story?
d. Falling Action: include all events that lead to the resolution
e. Resolution: what “loose ends” are tied up?

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