

Plot Line Diagram

The Beginning, also known as the Exposition, introduces the setting (time and place), characters and plot.

The Beginning also includes a statement of the problem. This is also known as the Conflict. The problem is usually the challenge the main character has to face. The conflict may be internal, if the character is struggling with making a decision, or external if struggling against another character, society, or nature.

The Middle, also known as the Rising Action, includes the events that lead up to the climax. These are events that usually complicate the problem or make it worse. These events build excitement and interest.

The Turning Point, also known as the Climax, is the peak of action in the story. It's where the opposing forces of the conflict meet head-on, or an important decision is made or action is taken.

The events that take place after the climax are called the Falling Action.

The End, also known as the Resolution, is how things turn out in the end.

