

Conflict

**Exposition:** The reader is provided with the background necessary for understanding the characters and the initial setting.

**Conflict:** The physical, emotional or spiritual crisis that occurs when the main character meets some opposing force.

**Rising Action:** The complication or intensification that occurs as a result of the conflict.

**Climax:** The turning point, or the point of most intense interest, in the plot.

**Falling Action:** The denouement, in which the author begins to describe the outcome of the conflict.

**Resolution:** The final outcome is described or hinted at.