

Plot Structure Diagram

Name _____

Date _____

Period _____

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

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RISING ACTION 6
(The major events that lead to the turning point.)

FALLING ACTION 7
(The major events that lead to the resolution.)

CHARACTERS 1

Protagonist and Main Character(s)

Antagonist

SETTING 2

Time

Place

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

Title

Author

Genre

RESOLUTION 4
(How was the conflict resolved?)

THEME 9
(The lesson or message the author is trying to help us understand.)

Lesson Learned by Protagonist 8

How To Determine the Theme

1. Actively read the text.
2. Fill out the Plot Structure Diagram (follow the circled numbers).
3. Ask yourself, "What is the lesson the protagonist learned?"
4. Reread this lesson so that it can be a lesson for anyone who reads the story.

*Character, Setting, Conflict and Mood (how the story makes you feel) combine to create the EXPOSITION which helps you "get into" the story, reveal more about the story's beginning.