

Plot

The plot is how the author arranges events to develop their basic idea; It is the _____ of events in a story or play. The plot is a _____, _____ series of events having a _____, _____ and end.

- **There are 5 essential parts of plot:**

1. _____ - The beginning of the story where the a) _____, b) _____ and c) _____ are revealed.
2. Rising Action – This is where the events of the story become _____ and the _____ in the story is _____ (events between the introduction and climax)
3. _____ - This is the _____ of interest and the _____ of the story. The reader wonders what will happen next; will the _____ be resolved or not?
4. _____ - The events and _____ begin to resolve themselves. The reader knows what has happened next and if the _____ has resolved or not. (events between climax and denouement).
5. Denouement – This is the _____ or _____ of events in the story.

Initial Incident is the _____ or _____ that begins a story's _____. Everything up and until that moment is "backstory" or antecedent information; everything after is "the story."

On the reverse side of this page, draw a PLOT DIAGRAM and LABEL the parts as shown in class.