What is PLOT?

• Plot is the sequence of events that make up a story.

• Plot includes…
  1) Exposition
  2) Rising Action
  3) Climax
  4) Falling Action
  5) Resolution/Denouement
1. Exposition

- This usually occurs at the beginning of a short story. Here the **characters** are introduced. We also learn about the **setting** of the story.
- We are introduced to the main **conflict**, which is a struggle between opposing sides or forces.
Exposition in Cinderella

- Characters: Cinderella, evil stepmother, stepsisters
- Setting: long ago, Cinderella’s house
Conflict in Cinderella

- There is going to be a ball, where the prince will choose a bride. Cinderella’s step-family won’t allow her to attend.
2. Rising Action

• This part of the story begins to develop the conflict(s). A building of interest or suspense occurs.
Rising Action in Cinderella

• Cinderella’s fairy godmother makes it possible for her to attend the ball, but she must leave at midnight. She dances with the prince and it’s a magical moment.
3. Climax

- This is the **turning point** of the story. Usually the main character comes face to face with a conflict. The main character will change in some way.
- This is the most exciting part of the story!
Climax in Cinderella

- It’s midnight and Cinderella must leave so she flees from the palace and loses her glass slipper on the steps!
4. Falling Action

- All loose ends of the plot are tied up. The conflict(s) and climax are resolved.

- Sometimes, there is no falling action.
Falling Action in Cinderella

- The prince uses the slipper to find Cinderella. He tries the slipper on every female in the land, including the stepsisters, but it doesn’t fit.
5. Resolution

• The conflict is resolved and the story comes to a reasonable ending.
Resolution in Cinderella

• Cinderella tries the slipper on and it fits! Cinderella and the prince get married and live happily ever after.
Let’s Review

1. Exposition
2. Rising Action
3. Climax
4. Falling Action
5. Resolution

CONFLICT IS INTRODUCED
Putting It All Together

1. Exposition

2. Rising Action

3. Climax

4. Falling Action

5. Resolution

Beginning of Story

Middle of Story

End of Story