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| **Component** | **Description/Function** |

**Plot Diagram Notes for the Teacher**

(Accompanies Intro to Plot PowerPoint and

Interactive Plot Diagram student activity)

Plot is the sequence of events that make up a story. Each event results from a previous event and causes the next event to happen

The Plot Diagram is used to map out the sequence of events in a story.

It helps us to understand the plot.

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Falling Action

Exposition

Initiating event

Climax

Resolution

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| Exposition | * The beginning part of the story * This part of the story usually…   + Gives you background information you need to know   + Introduces the main characters   - Describes the setting |
| Initiating Event | * The event that causes the main conflict in a story. * It may have occurred before the story began. * It is often where the main character sets his/her goal. |
| Rising Action | * Middle of the story * This part of the story introduces the conflict. * There are usually a series of events leading to the climax. The main character has trouble reaching his goal because of complications. * A building of interest or suspense occurs. |
| Complications | • A series of smaller **problems** a character must face before reaching his/her greatest challenge. |
| Climax | * Nearing the end of the story * This is the turning point of the story. * It is the most intense point of the story. * The main character faces the greatest challenge. |
| Falling Action | * End of story * The loose ends are tied up. * The story decreases in intensity. * The conflict ends. |
| Resolution | * Very end of story * The story comes to an ending. * The conclusion |

The Plot Diagram: Guided Notes

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| **Component** | **Description/Function** |
|  | * The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the story. * This part of the story usually…   + Gives you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you need to know   + Introduces the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   - Describes the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | * The event that causes the main \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a story. * It may have occurred \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the story began. * It is often where the main character sets his/her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |
|  | * The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of the story. * This part of the story introduces the conflict. * There are usually a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ leading to the climax. The main character has trouble reaching his goal because of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. * A building of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_or suspense occurs. |
|  | • A series of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a character must face before reaching his/her greatest challenge.  • |
|  | * Nearing the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_of the story. * This is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the story. * It is the most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ point of the story. * The main character faces the greatest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |
|  | * The end of the story. * The story \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in intensity. * The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ends. |
|  | * The \_\_\_\_\_\_end of the story. * The story comes to an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. • The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

Word Bank for Structured Notes (L1-L2)

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| beginning |  | very | middle |
| background information |  | conflict | series of events |
| main characters |  | before | complications |
| setting |  | goal | interest |
| smaller problems |  | challenge | ending |
| turning point |  | decreases | conclusion |
| intense |  | conflict | end |