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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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| Falling Action  | * End of story
* The loose ends are tied up.
* The story decreases in intensity.
* The conflict ends.

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| Resolution  | * Very end of story
* The story comes to an ending.
* The conclusion

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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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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|   |  * 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.

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|   |  • 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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|   | * The end of the story.
* The story \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in intensity.
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ends.

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|   | * The \_\_\_\_\_\_end of the story.
* The story comes to an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. • The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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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  |