**5 main elements in a plot**

**Primary Elements of a Plot**

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| Exposition/introduction | The start of the story, where the characters and settings are established. The conflict is also introduced  |
| Rising action  | Rising action which occurs when a series of events build up to the conflict. The main characters are established by the time the rising action of a plot occurs, and at the same time, events begin to get complicated. It is during this part of a story that excitement, tension, or crisis is encountered. |
| Climax  | In the climax, or the main point of the plot, there is a turning point of the story. This is meant to be the moment of highest interest and emotion, leaving the reader wondering what is going to happen next. |
| Falling action  | Falling action, or the winding up of the story, occurs when events and complications begin to resolve. The result of the actions of the main characters are put forward. |
| Conclusion/resolution  | is the end of a story, which may occur with either a happy or a tragic ending. |