

- **exposition** - the beginning of the story that gives background information on characters and previous action
- **rising action** - the beginning of the action that will lead to a high point (climax) in the story
- **climax** - the turning point of the story; the part of the story in which the protagonist reaches an emotional high point or a peak in power
- **falling action** - the action that occurs after the climax
- **resolution** (also **dénouement** [**day – new – mawh**]) - the ending of the story; or when all loose ends are tied up and problems are (generally) solved