The Plot Graph

Climax

Rising Action

Falling Action

Conclusion

Introduction

Trigger Incident

(or inciting incident)

Parts:

**Introduction**:

Introduces the characters, situation, setting (time, place and atmosphere), and topic.

**Trigger Incident:**

The initial **conflict** that the protagonist must solve to achieve **resolution**.

**Rising Action:**

Presents the basic **complications** in the story which becomes a more **conflict** as the story progresses.

**Climax:**

The most exciting moment of the story.

**Falling Action:**

Most (if not all) of the previously introduced complications are resolved.

**Conclusion:**

Resolution is given to the character and their situation.

Some stories do not have a clear conclusion and are therefore **open-ended**, and up to reader interpretation.