Identifying the Elements of A Plot Diagram

Student Notes
Plot Diagram
Plot (definition)

• Plot is the organized pattern or sequence of events that make up a story. Every plot is made up of a series of incidents that are related to one another.
1. Exposition

- This usually occurs at the beginning of a short story. Here the characters are introduced. We also learn about the setting of the story. Most importantly, we are introduced to the main conflict (main problem).
2. Rising Action

- This part of the story begins to develop the conflict(s). A building of interest or suspense occurs.
3. Climax

- This is the turning point of the story. Usually the main character comes face to face with a conflict. The main character will change in some way.
4. Falling Action

- All loose ends of the plot are tied up. The conflict(s) and climax are taken care of.
5. Resolution

• The story comes to a reasonable ending.
Putting It All Together

1. Exposition
2. Rising Action
3. Climax
4. Falling Action
5. Resolution

Beginning of Story

Middle of Story

End of Story