

Structure of a Short Story

Climax

What is the most exciting part of the story?

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Rising action

Complication (Events, Problems)
What happens?

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e

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Orientation (Exposition)

Who? When? Where? What?

Falling action

Resolution (Solutions)
How are the problems solved?

k

The End

How does the story end?
What happens to the characters?