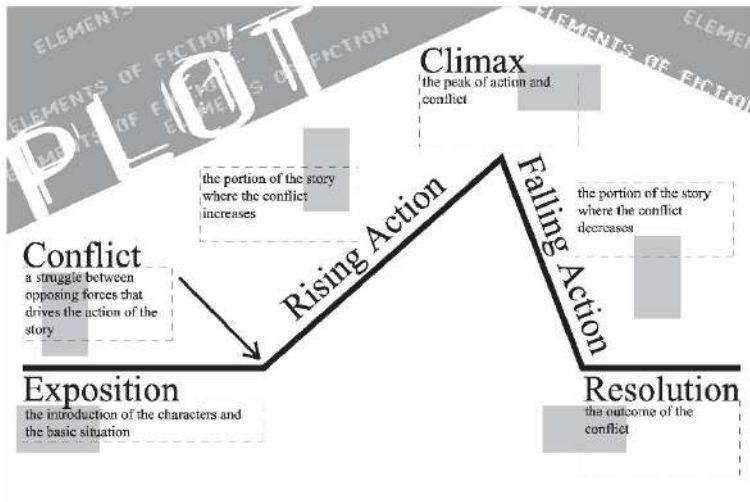


ELEMENTS OF LITERATURE



All fiction is based on conflict and this conflict is presented in a structured format called **PLOT**. There are a number of different elements to a plot. They include:

- Exposition
- Conflict
- Rising Action
- Climax
- Falling Action
- Resolution

Exposition: The introductory material which gives the setting, creates the tone, presents the characters, and presents other facts necessary to understanding the story.

Rising Action: A series of events that builds from the conflict. It begins with the inciting force and ends with the climax.

(Central) Conflict: The essence of fiction. It creates plot. The conflicts we encounter can usually be identified as one of four kinds. (Man versus...Man, Nature, Society, or Self).

Climax: The climax is the result of the crisis. It is the high point of the story for the reader. Frequently, it is the moment of the highest interest and greatest emotion. The point at which the outcome of the conflict can be predicted.

Falling Action: The events after the climax which close the story. Resolution (Denouement) Rounds out and concludes the action.

Irony: the contrast between what is expected or what appears to be and what actually is.

CHARACTERIZATION

Protagonist—main character (good guy/girl)

Antagonist—the character or force that opposes the protagonist (evil character)

