Elements of Plot Vocabulary

INTRODUCTION: The beginning of a piece of writing where the characters and plot are revealed.

RISING ACTION: Where the story begins to get interesting, events leading up to the climax.

CLIMAX: The most exciting, critical part of the story.

FALLING ACTION: The story settles down, events that lead to a resolution, where the characters start to fix “the problem.”

RESOLUTION: The conflict is solved, end of the story, where the story starts to make sense and all the pieces come together.

CONFLICT (internal and external): The problem or issues in the story involving events or characters.

FORESHADOWING: When the story gives you hints or clues about what the future holds.

TONE: The attitude that the author sets, the way that it’s told.

GENRE: The type of story. It has common features like horror is scary and people get killed, romance is about love.