

Plot Diagram

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The diagram is a plot structure template. It consists of a central line that starts with a horizontal segment on the left, then rises diagonally to a peak, descends diagonally to a point on the right, and finally continues horizontally to the right. At each of these four points (the start of the horizontal line, the peak, the end of the descending line, and the end of the final horizontal line), there is a small circle. Five text boxes are connected to these points: 'Exposition (beginning)' is at the start of the horizontal line; 'Rising Action' is on the left side of the rising diagonal line; 'Climax' is at the peak; 'Falling Action' is on the right side of the descending diagonal line; and 'Resolution' is at the end of the descending line. A fifth box, 'Conflict (the problem)', is located below the 'Resolution' box and is not connected to the main line.

Climax

Rising Action

Falling Action

Resolution

Exposition (beginning)

Conflict (the problem)
