

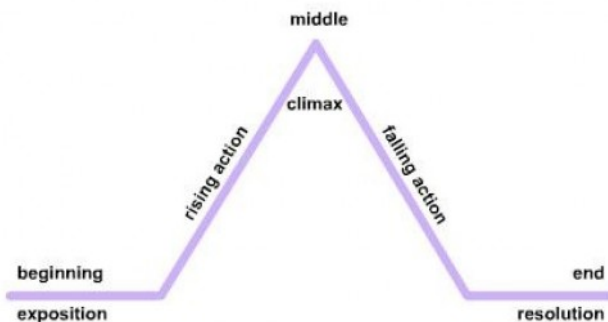
### **Three Acts of a Play**

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### **Five Components of a Plot**



**1. Exposition:** At the beginning of the story, the characters and setting are established. The conflict or main problem is also introduced.

**2. Rising Action:** Introduction of the Problem or Conflict

After the characters and main problem have been established, the main problem or conflict is dealt with by some kind of action. This crisis causes tension and excitement. How does the character take to that crisis?

**3. Climax: The High Point**

The climax is the high point of the story with a high point of suspense. The turning point may be either physical or emotional. What will happen in the story?

**4. Falling Action: Winding Down**

The story begins to wind down. We start to see the result of the actions or decisions the character has made. This leads to the crisis resolution.

**5. Resolution: The End**

Now, the conflicts are resolved, all loose ends are tied up, and the story concludes with either a happy or sad ending.