

Plot & Setting

Terms

Plot

Definition: A series of related events that make up a story or drama.

Example: The summary of a story

Chronological Order

Definition: The time order in which things happen.

Example: First,... Then... Next,... Lastly,...

Which paragraph is in chronological order?

Pennsylvania has many historic sites. You can visit Revolutionary war sites, like Valley Forge. You can also visit important locations from the Civil War, like Gettysburg. Finally, you can also see the site of the first oil well in Titusville. Pennsylvania has many neat places to visit!

Through the ages, Pennsylvania has seen many interesting events. The state was founded in 1681 by William Penn. Later, Pennsylvania was the site of important Revolutionary War battles. After that, Pennsylvania was home to new factories during the Industrial Revolution. Today, Pennsylvania continues to make history.

Flashback

Definition: A scene that interrupts the present to flash backward and tell what happened in the past.

Examples: In "Daddy's Little Girls," Monty remembers his past

Flashback

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GxQbwB3wJSI>

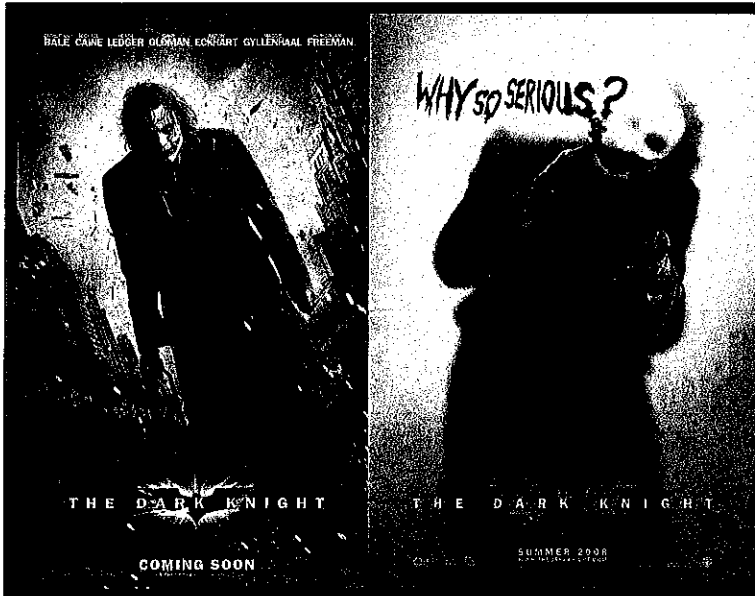
Foreshadowing

Definition: The use of clues to hint at events that will happen later in the plot.

Examples: In "Batman Begins" Lieutenant Gordon hints at the story in "The Dark Knight."

Foreshadowing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwkgVMb-bV0>



Conflict

Definition: The struggle that drives the plot

Examples: In "Daddy's Little Girls," Monty struggles to get his girls back

Setting

Definition: The time and place of a story or play

Examples:

- ✓ Time: time of day, month, season, year, special occasion
- ✓ Place: building, city, country, culture



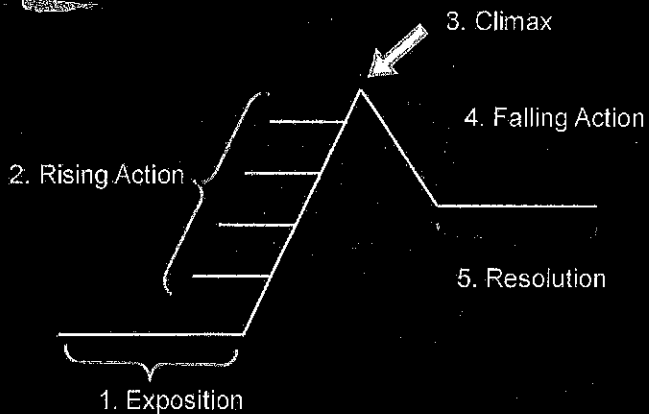
Mood

Definition: A story's atmosphere or the feeling it brings to the reader's mind.

Examples: A secret midnight meeting in a cemetery would be eerie or scary.



Plot Mountain



Exposition

Definition: The introduction of characters and setting. The who and where of the story.

Examples: Cinderella lives unhappily with her evil stepmother and stepsisters.



Rising Action

Definition: The introduction of the conflict or problem

Examples: Cinderella wants to go to the ball, but can't. Her fairy godmother helps her.



Climax

Definition: The moment of greatest intensity or emotion

Examples: Cinderella falls in love with the Prince, but loses her glass slipper and returns to rags.



Falling Action

Definition: The events caused by the climax and leading up to the resolution.

Examples: The Prince finds Cinderella. She and the Prince marry. Her stepmother and stepsisters become her servants.



Resolution

Definition: The final part of the story. The conflict is resolved.

Examples: Cinderella and the Prince live happily ever after.

