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**Steps of the Plot**

*Exposition* – The background information of the story. The main characters, setting, and conflict are introduced.

*Rising Action* – The events that build to the climax. The character is attempting to solve the main conflict.

*Climax* – The point when the main conflict is resolved.

*Falling Action* – The story is wrapping up. Author is tying up loose ends.

*Resolution* –The story is brought to a close.

**Other Elements of the Plot**

*Conflict* – A problem faced by a character.

*Subplot* – A minor plot that relates in some way to the story.

*Parallel Episode* – Repeated elements of the plot.