

Literary Terms

1. plot the sequence of events in a story
2. exposition the beginning of the story where the author introduces the characters, setting and gives a brief introduction to the conflict
3. rising action the part of the story where the conflict builds
4. climax the turning point; the point of greatest tension in the story from which nothing can ever be the same again
5. falling action the conflict is resolved, sometimes in a negative way
6. resolution the story ends
7. conflict struggle between opposing forces: man vs man; man vs nature; man vs himself

