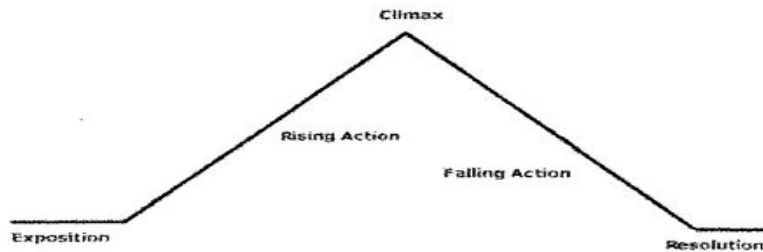## "Parts of a Story: Plot Elements"

1. **Exposition**
   - The beginning of the story
   - Introduces characters: people and/or animals
   - Introduces setting: time and place
   - Background information

2. **Rising Action**
   - Events leading up to the climax
   - Events that involve conflict: problems

   Conflict:
   - <u>Man vs. man</u>: two people arguing or fighting
   - <u>Man vs. himself</u>: a person who has problems within
   - <u>Man vs. nature</u>: a person against a natural disaster
   - <u>Man vs. supernatural</u>: a person against things that are not easily explained or "normal"

3. **Climax**
   - The middle of the story
   - Turning point
   - Major part of the story

4. **Falling Action**
   - Events after the climax
   - Problem starting to be solved

5. **Resolution**
   - The end of the story
   - All or most of the loose ends are tied up for the reader