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Story/Book Title _____ Author _____

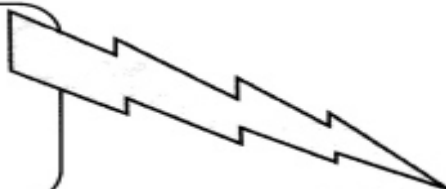
Story Plot Terms

Directions: Fill in the required information for each section below in numerical order. Use the information that appears with each section to help you proceed. It's okay to write through the gray diagonal line in two of the sections.

3. The **climax** of the story is when the reader is most interested in how the story will end.

The suspense is at its peak, but the outcome is not clear yet.

3. Climax



2. As the story progresses, the **rising action** introduces complications and problems for the main character. These difficulties create suspense.

2. Rising Action

4. Falling Action

4. **Falling Action** appears at the ending of the story. Suspense has been eliminated, and these events show characters' lives returning to normal.

1. Exposition

1. The **Exposition** appears at the beginning of the story. The author introduces the setting, characters, and background information.

5. Resolution

5. The **Resolution** is the final solution to the problem or conflict. In stories with happy endings it's called the **denouement**. Tragic endings are termed **catastrophe**.

