

**1. The Beginning**  
 Introduce the main characters and describe the setting. What will your opening sentence be?  
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**2. The Build-Up**  
 What things happen? What clues are there? What is said? How do you build up the excitement?  
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**3. The Problem or Dilemma**  
 Things might go wrong! Is there a mystery, or do terrible things happen? Are there any disagreements?  
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**4. The Resolution**  
 How are things going to be sorted out? Problems have to be solved, and people made happy again.  
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**5. The Ending**  
 Does the story end happily ever after? What have people learned? Have characters changed?  
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**THE STORY MOUNTAIN PLANNER** Name ..... Date .....