

1. The Beginning
 Introduce the main characters and describe the setting. What will your opening sentence be?

2. The Build-Up
 What things happen? What clues are there? What is said? How do you build up the excitement?

3. The Problem or Dilemma
 Things might go wrong! Is there a mystery, or do terrible things happen? Are there any disagreements?

4. The Resolution
 How are things going to be sorted out? Problems have to be solved, and people made happy again.

5. The Ending
 Does the story end happily ever after? What have people learned? Have characters changed?

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