

Plot Structure Diagram

Name Madison Singler

Date 11-25-14

Period 8

TURNING POINT

(The main event between the protagonist and the antagonist or the moment for which the reader has been waiting.)

The Bank Explodes

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RISING ACTION ⑥

(The major events that lead to the turning point.)

Explosives in the Building

FALLING ACTION ⑦

(The major events that lead to the resolution.)

Robbers may or may not be caught

CHARACTERS*

Protagonist and Main Character(s)

Richard (castle)
Ms. Rodgers
Kate Beckett

Antagonist

The Robbers
(Mastermind)

SETTING*

Time

Current time
Day time

Place

New York
Bank

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Robbers threaten to kill

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Robbery starts to happen

CONFLICT* ③

(What's the problem between the protagonist and the antagonist?)

The robber doesn't want the money

RESOLUTION ④

(How was the conflict solved?)

Everyone is okay,
They catch the
Bad guy

THEME

(The lesson or message the author is trying to help us understand.)

Solve mysteries

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How To Figure Out the Theme

1. Actively read the text.
2. Fill out the Plot Structure Diagram (follow the circled numbers)
3. Examine the conflict, resolution and turning points.
4. Ask yourself, "What is the lesson the protagonist learned?"
5. Reward #4 so that it can apply to anyone who reads the story.

*Characters, Setting, Conflict and Mood (how the story makes you feel) combine to create the EXPOSITION which helps you "get into" the story, novel or movie from the very beginning.