

1.04 Plot Analysis Worksheet

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Directions: Use this worksheet to take notes on the plot of your short story.

Title of Short Story:

Protagonist's Name:

1. What happens in the beginning, in the middle, and at the end of the story?
2. How does the author use the exposition to give background information about the characters and the conflict?
3. How does the author use the rising action to create tension and move the story forward?
4. What is the climax of the story?
5. What decision or turning point does the protagonist face during the story's climax?
6. What events are part of the falling action?
7. How is the conflict resolved at the end of the story?
8. How does the author use the overall structure to convey a sense of tension in the story?
9. How does the structure of the story help the reader better understand the characters and the conflict?