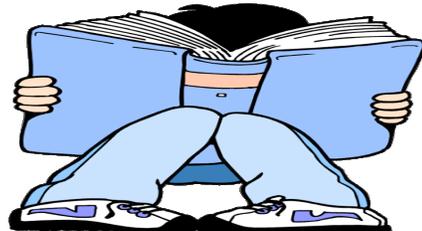


Signpost Story

Your mission as an author...

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| The Signposts: As a writer, your goal is to craft IMPORTANT MOMENTS (signposts :) in your story that help reveal your character, develop conflict, create suspense, and unveil your theme. Include all SIX signposts in your story: | The Story Elements: Take time to include all the story and PLOT elements below so you keep your reader entertained with the unfolding conflict and resolution. Be prepared to MAP the story plot. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contrast/Contradiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Protagonist and Antagonist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aha Moment | <input type="checkbox"/> Exposition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tough Question | <input type="checkbox"/> Narrative hook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Words of the Wiser | <input type="checkbox"/> Rising Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Again & Again | <input type="checkbox"/> Climax |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memory Moment | <input type="checkbox"/> Falling Action |
| 6 Signposts! | <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution |

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| The Cover: Design a creative "cover" for your story on card stock. Consider how your cover might FOCUS IN on some KEY story elements to LURE your readers in. Include the following elements: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creative visual design |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Title | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theme Statement | |

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| Ready to Read! Prepare to let other 8th grade readers enjoy your story and see if they can find the signposts and story elements you created. Earn your story grade by taking care with your requirements: | <h2>50 points</h2> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Signposts: 18 points |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8 Story Elements: 24 points | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cover design & Theme Statement: 8 points | |

Author: _____

Hour: _____

Date: _____



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Rubric

The Signposts: As a writer, your goal is to craft IMPORTANT MOMENTS (signposts :) in your story that help your readers get to know a character, understand conflict, feel curious about the plot, and think about your theme. Include all SIX signposts in your story.

Quote the passage from your story that contains the signpost. Then, **explain why** that moment is an important signpost in your story. Use literary language in your explanations. (plot, narrative hook, climax, theme, conflict, characterization, protagonist, antagonist, motive, setting, etc.)

Contrast/Contradiction :

This contrast or contradiction is important to the story because _____

_____.

____/3

Aha Moment:

This character's aha moment is important to the story because _____

_____.

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Tough Question:

This character's tough question is important to the story because _____

_____.

____/3

Signpost Quotes and Explanations, continued

Words of the Wiser:

This example of words of the wiser is important to the story because _____.

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Again & Again:

This example of again & again is important to the story because _____.

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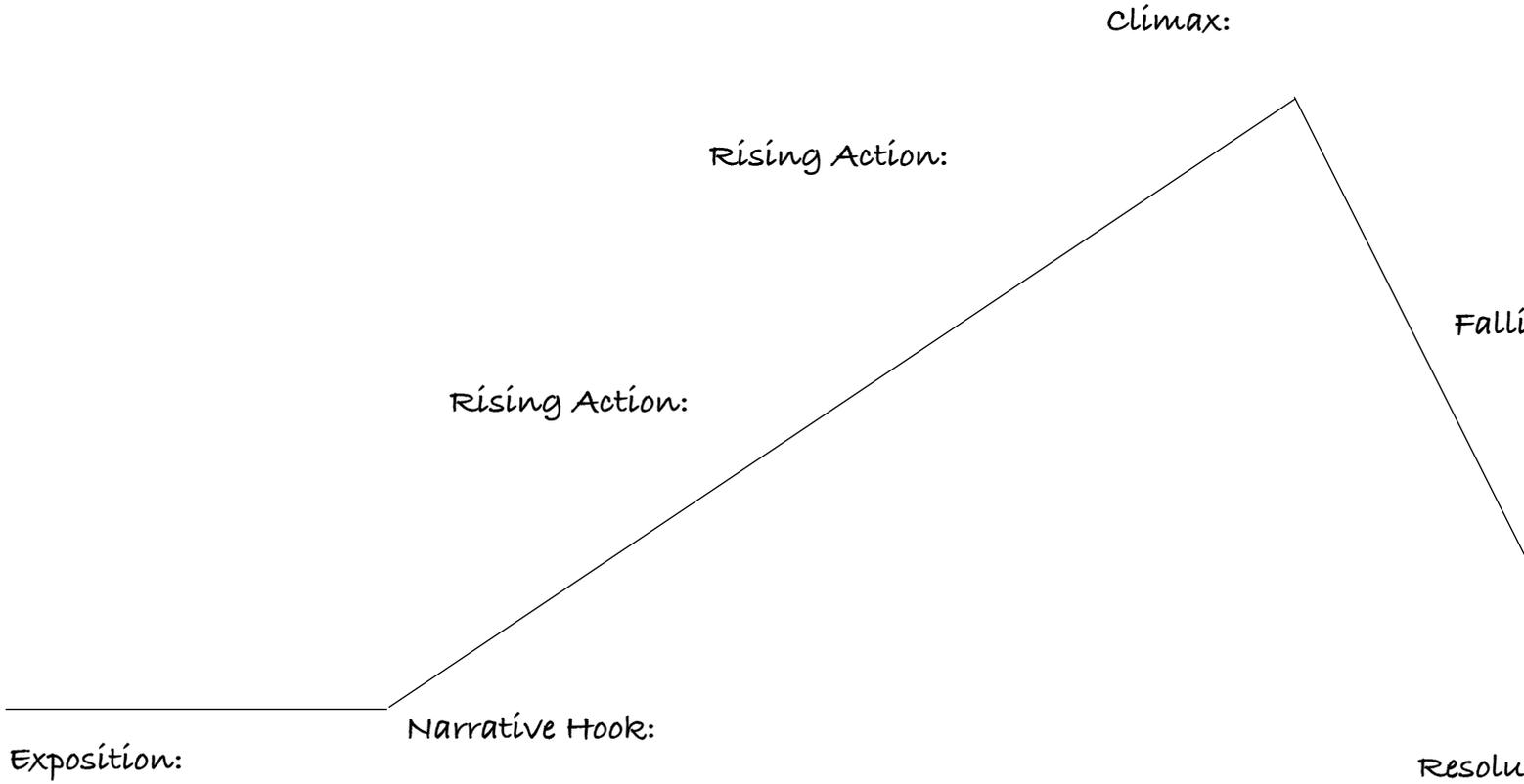
Memory Moment:

This memory moment is important to the story because _____.

___/3

| The Protagonist | The Antagonist | |
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___ /21 points



Plot Map

Directions: NEATLY note & describe the details that make up each part of the plot map. Include two examples of rising action and one example of falling action. Your explanation for each label on the map is worth 3 points. (3 x 7 = 21 total)