The Events Unfold

The plot is the sequence of events in a story. Every story has a plot. A plot has five basic parts:

- **Exposition**—the story begins and characters are introduced
- **Rising Action**—something happens to make the story more interesting, and the characters have a problem to solve
- **Climax**—the solution to the problem and the most exciting part of a story
- **Falling Action**—the character has made a decision about how to handle the problem, and now the story is coming to a close
- **Conclusion**—the action comes to an end; loose ends are tied up

Now think about the story you have just read. How does the story begin?

What is the central problem of the story?

What do the characters do to try to solve the problem?

What is the climax?

How does the story end?