How Does It Flow?

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

In the **beginning**, the characters and the problem they have are introduced. In the **middle**, something happens to make the story more interesting, and the characters try to solve their problem. The solution to the problem and the most exciting part of a story is called the **climax**. It happens at the end of the middle part of the story. In the **end**, the problem has been resolved. The action comes to an end and any loose ends are tied up.

Think about the story you have just read. Can you identify the three basic parts?

**BEGINNING**

**MIDDLE**

**END**