**Plot Mountain**

Plot- The series of events in a story

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| **Exposition** | Gives background about characters, conflict, and setting |
| **Rising Action** | Suspense builds, complications make conflict more, difficult to resolve |
| **Climax** | Turning point of the action |
| **Falling Action** | Conflict ends |
| **Resolution** | Loose ends tied up |

Exposition

Resolution

Climax

Falling Action

Rising Action

**Example:** Cinderella

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| **Exposition** | When Cinderella was young she was happy. Her father married a woman with 2 daughters and they were spoiled. Cinderella’s father died and the stepmother and stepsisters treated her badly. |
| **Rising Action** | An invitation to the prince’s ball arrives. The stepmother gives Cinderella an impossible list of chores to finish. Her stepmother and step sisters leave for the ball and the fairy godmother shows up. Cinderella goes to the ball and dances with the price. |
| **Climax** | The clock strikes 12 and Cinderella runs away, leaving her glass slipper behind. |
| **Falling Action** | The prince’s men search the kingdom for the girl who has a foot that will fit the glass slipper. They finally come to Cinderella’s house and try the shoe on everyone. It fits Cinderella! |
| **Resolution** | Cinderella marries the prince and they live happily ever after. |