

# Story Writing

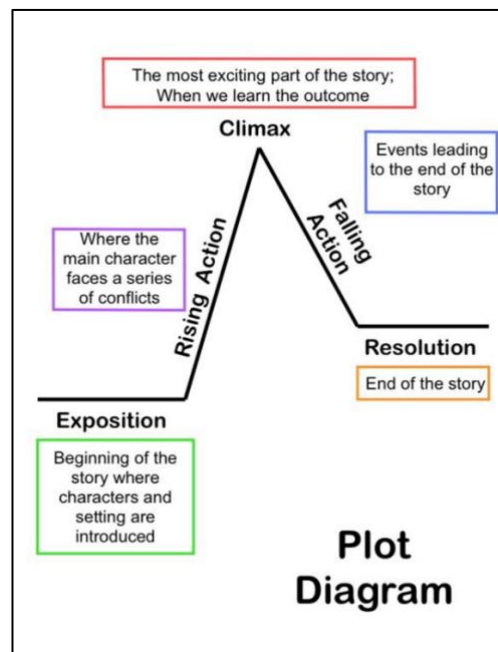
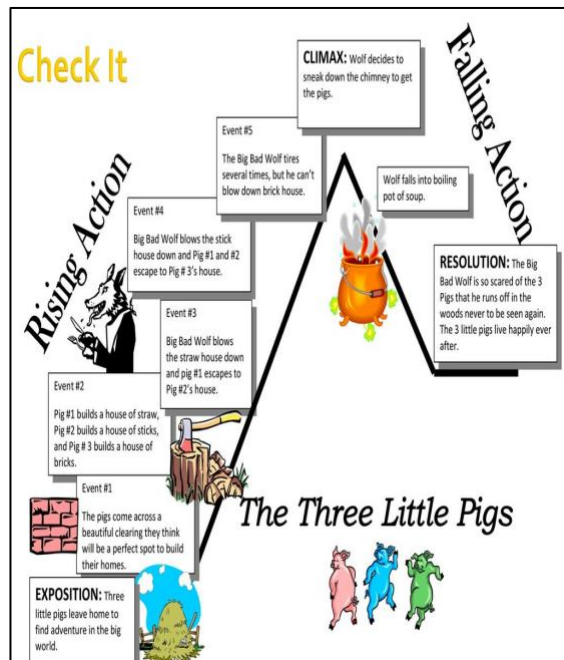
**Story Writing** - is a work of “fiction or imagination” that is usually written in “easily understandable grammatical structure” with “natural flow of speech”. Story writing is meant to be read at a single sitting and therefore it should be as direct and brief as possible.

**10 important tips to write a short story are as follows**

- **Tip #1: Fewer Characters the better**
- **Tip #2: Develop Characters for Theme**
- **Tip #3: Single and Short Time Frame**
- **Tip #4: Vivid Surroundings – Poetic Setting**
- **Tip #5: Catchy First Line**
- **Tip #6: Simple and Interesting Plot**
- **Tip #7: One Conflict Only**
- **Tip #8: Intense but Real Conflict**
- **Tip #9: Theme in Focus – relating to the readers**
- **Tip #10: Break Rules if Needed**



**Don't forget to give your story a catchy title!**



## **POINTS TO REMEMBER**

- Title must be given – should be a captivating one
- Narrate the incidents in a sequential order leading to the final conclusion.
- Adhere to the basic theme given in the question
- Setting Time frame and place constitute setting of short stories
- Develop the plot such that to arouse the interest of the readers
- Coherence of thought to be maintained
- Create Conflict if possible. Conflict can be between characters, emotions, beliefs or thoughts. It gives life to short stories.
- Add twists and turns to the plot but keep it simple
- The beginning and the concluding lines must support the main part or the events described in the story.
- Name all the characters
- Try to express the protagonist's emotions/qualities
- Only If needed give a gap of few years to allow the characters/character grow(in age and experience)
- Focus on a single incident
- An apt ending/denouement is significant
- **Should not end in dream**
- Use simple but innovative language
- Add a few dialogues relevant to the plot
- Give a moral (if possible)
- Adhere to the word limit

**Use any one of these prompts to write a story of about 150 words**

1. We were canoeing across the inlet when we noticed some unusual movement alongside the boat. A whale was surfacing next to us. Another one followed closely behind. Suddenly, our boat was .....
2. "We finally did it!" I exclaimed to my lab partner. "We've invented a cream that actually makes people more beautiful. We are going to be so rich!"