

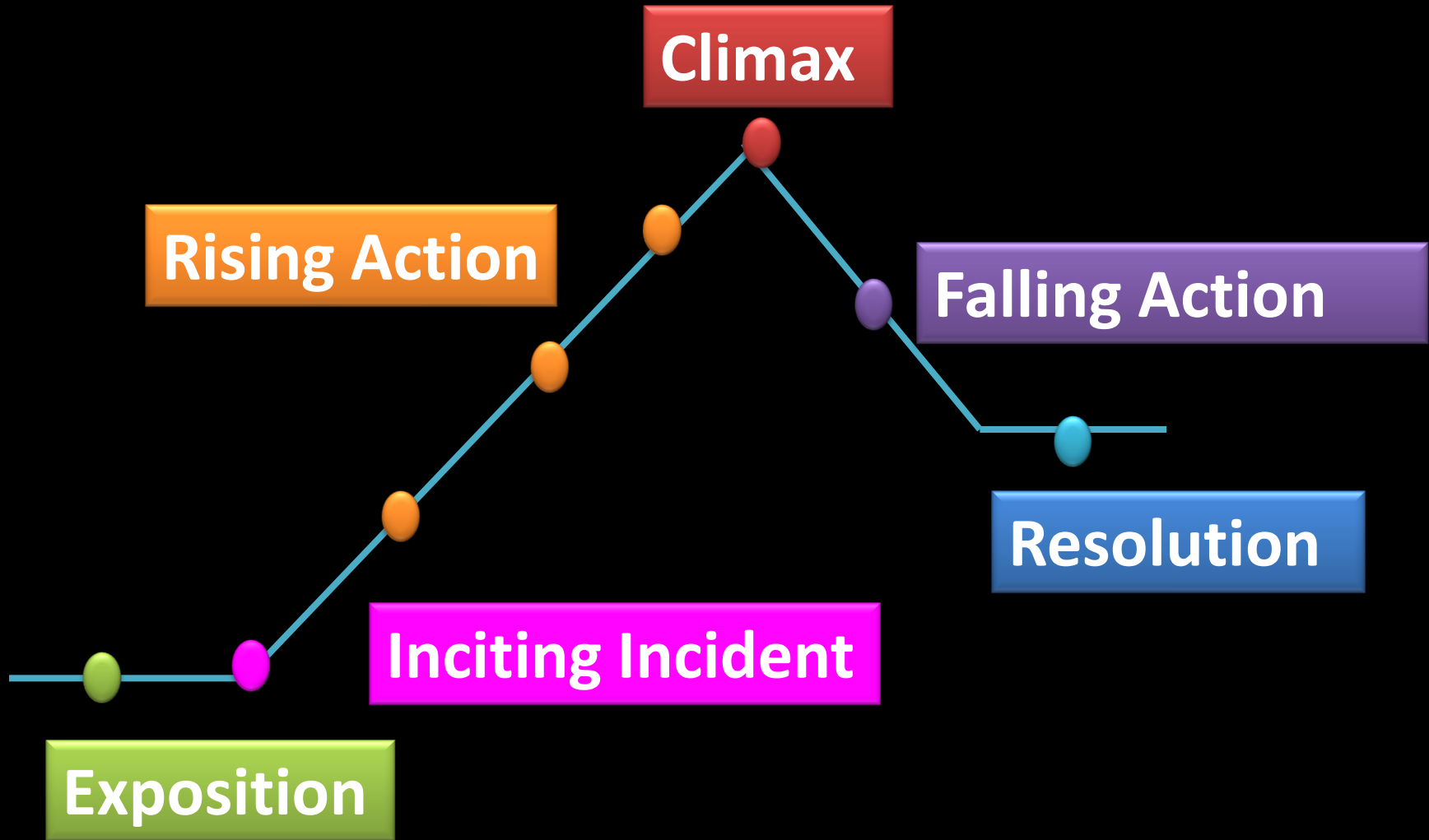
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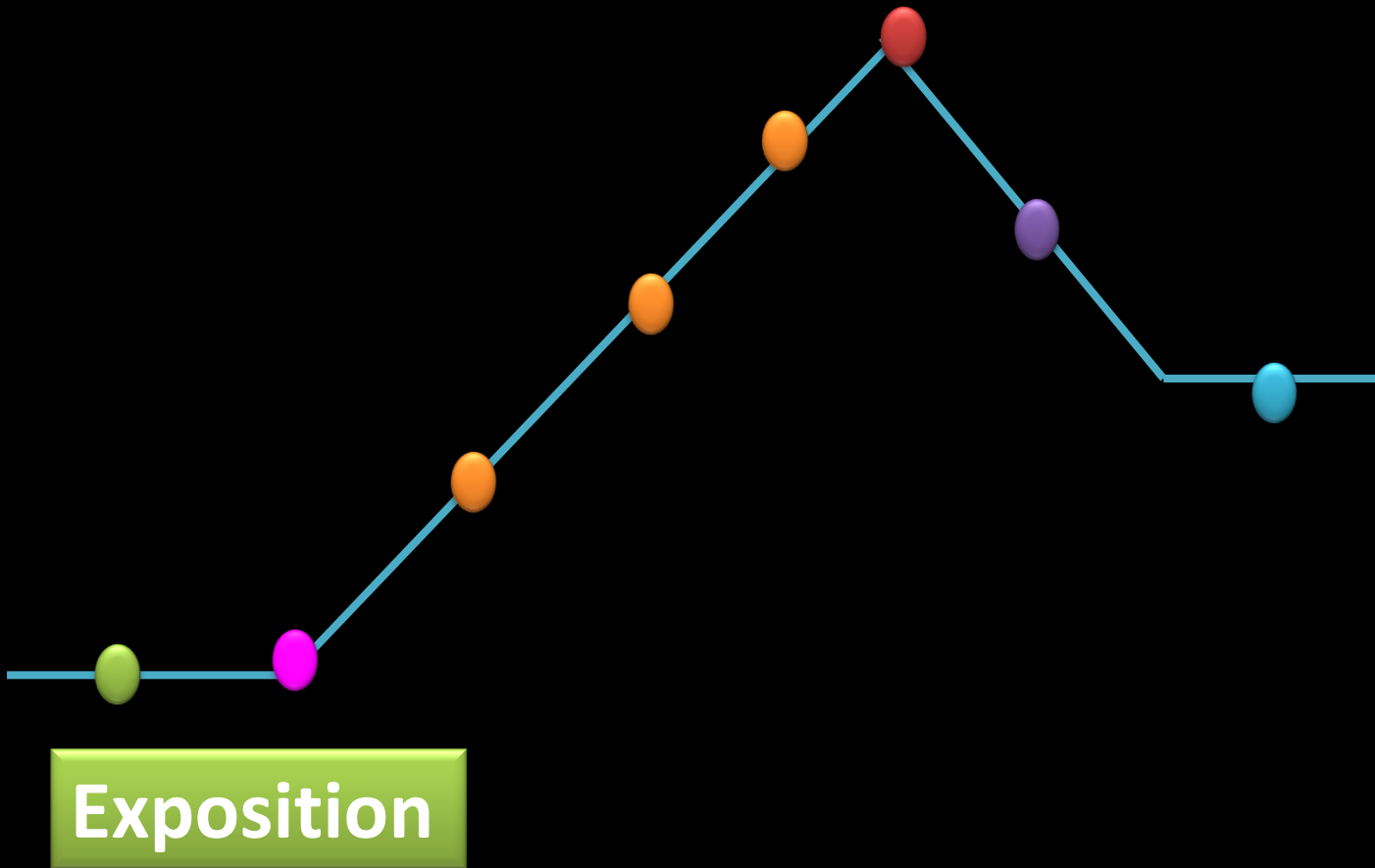
Plot is the term used to describe the organization of the events that make up a story.

All stories require plots that have a beginning, middle, and an end. Each part of the plot drives from the one proceeding it to create a complete story.

PLOT DIAGRAM



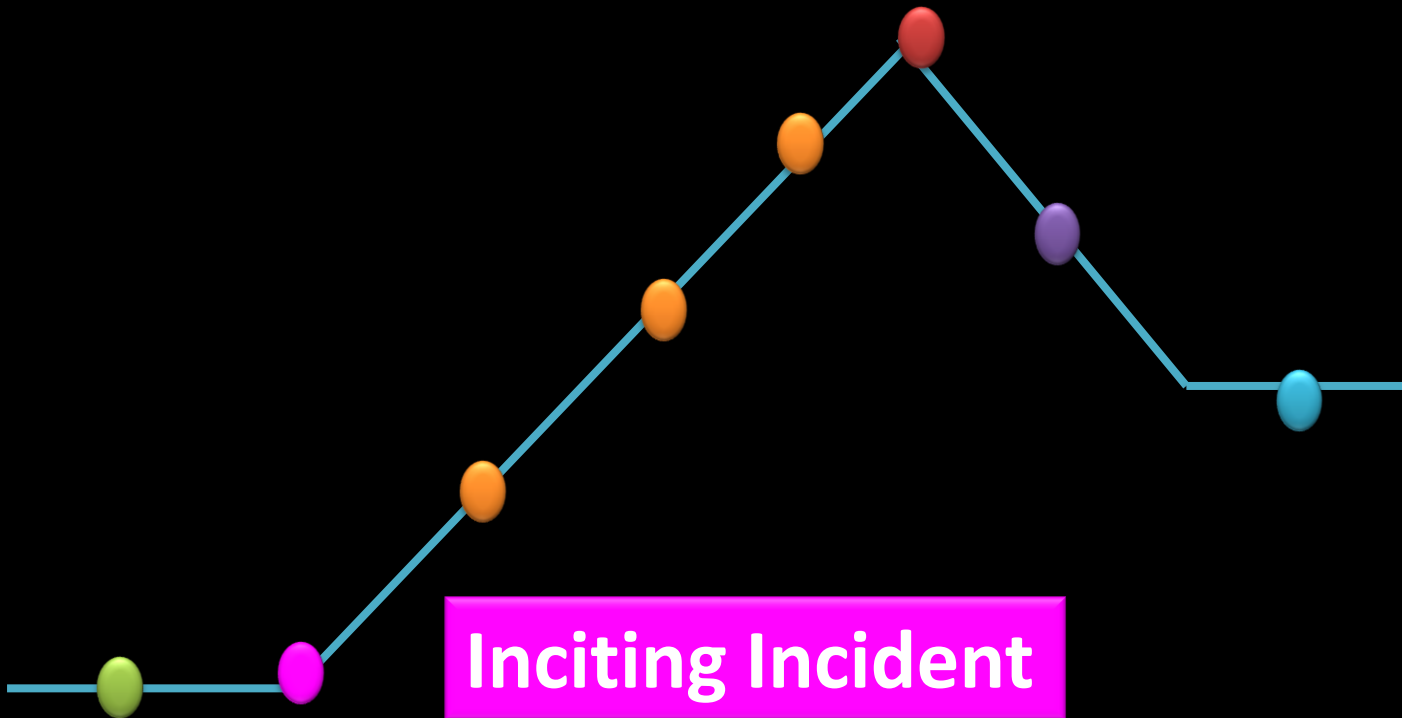
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EXPOSITION

- The beginning of the story or novel. It may be short or long, but it is usually flat (little action or emotion).
- Setting and characters are introduced to the reader.

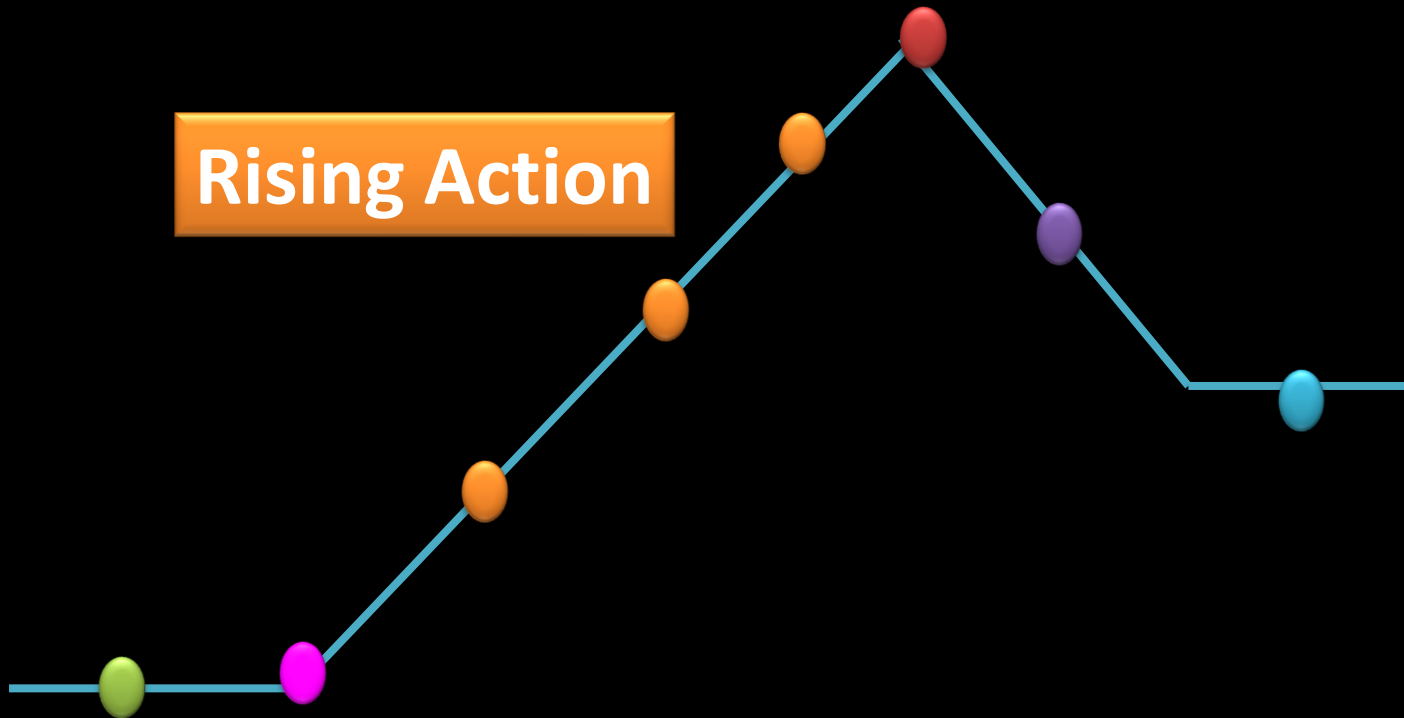
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INCITING INCIDENT

- Occurs during the exposition.
- The initial event which triggers the rest of the story.
- Inciting incidents are not always obvious – you may not even catch them when reading the story.

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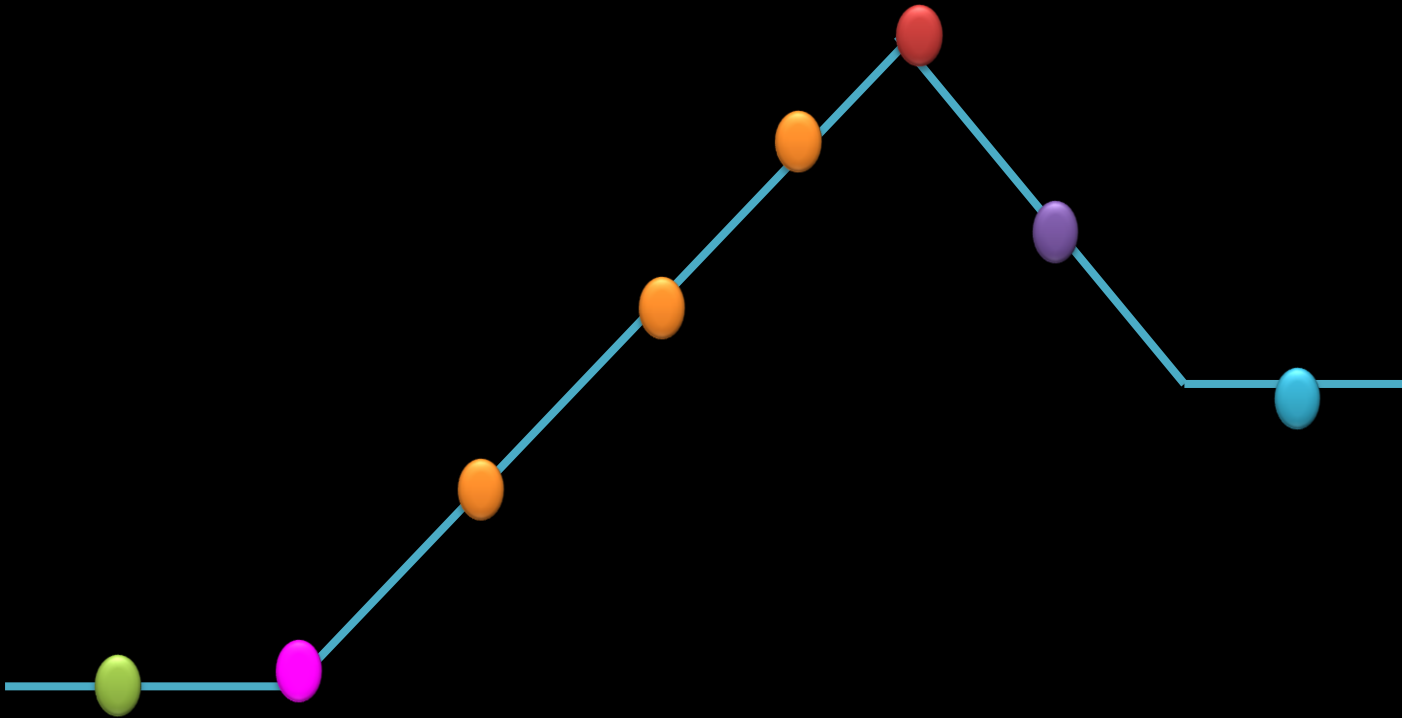


RISING ACTION

- Characters are developed, conflicts are increased and motives are introduced.
- Generally, this is the major part of the story or novel.

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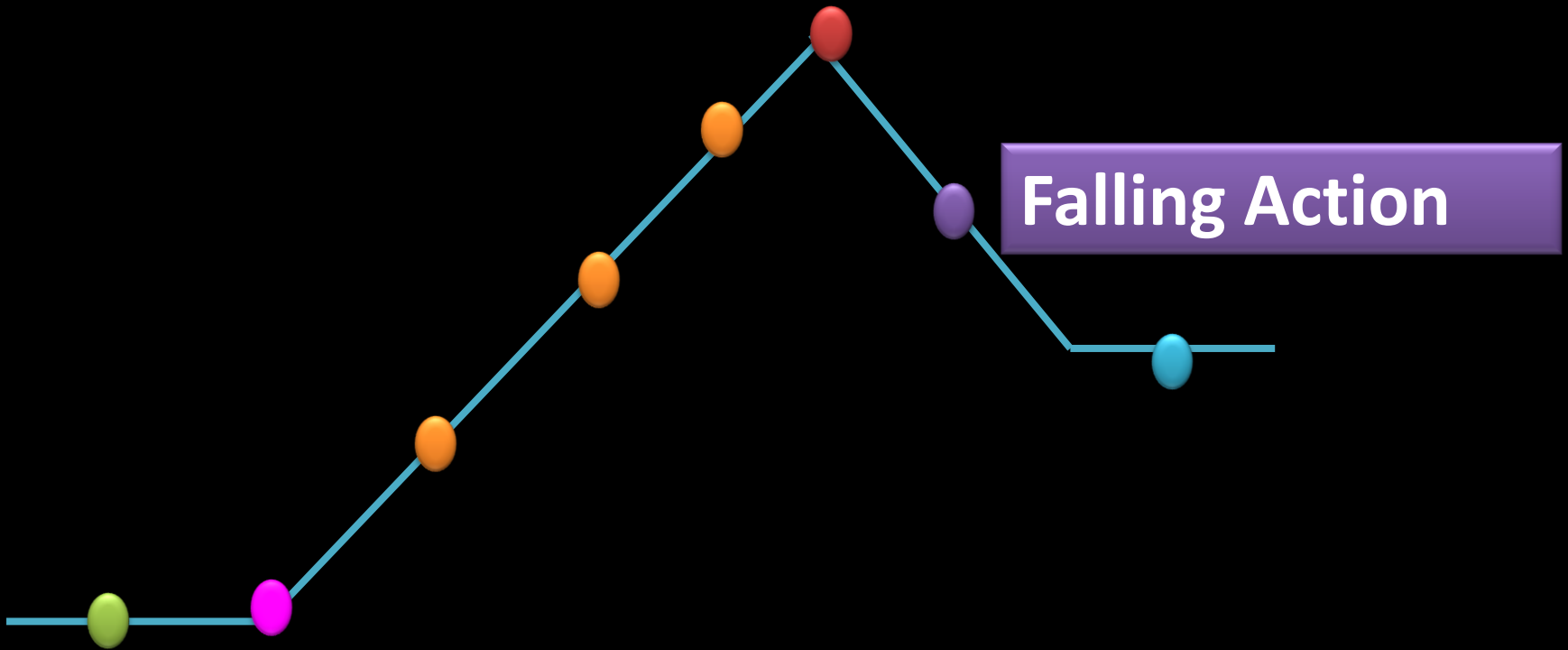
Climax



CLIMAX

- The high point of the story in which the major conflicts erupt in some kind of final showdown (fight, argument, violent or physical action, very tense emotional moment, etc.)
- At the end of the climax, the “winner” will be clear (but there’s not always a winner).
- This is the point of the story where something changes.

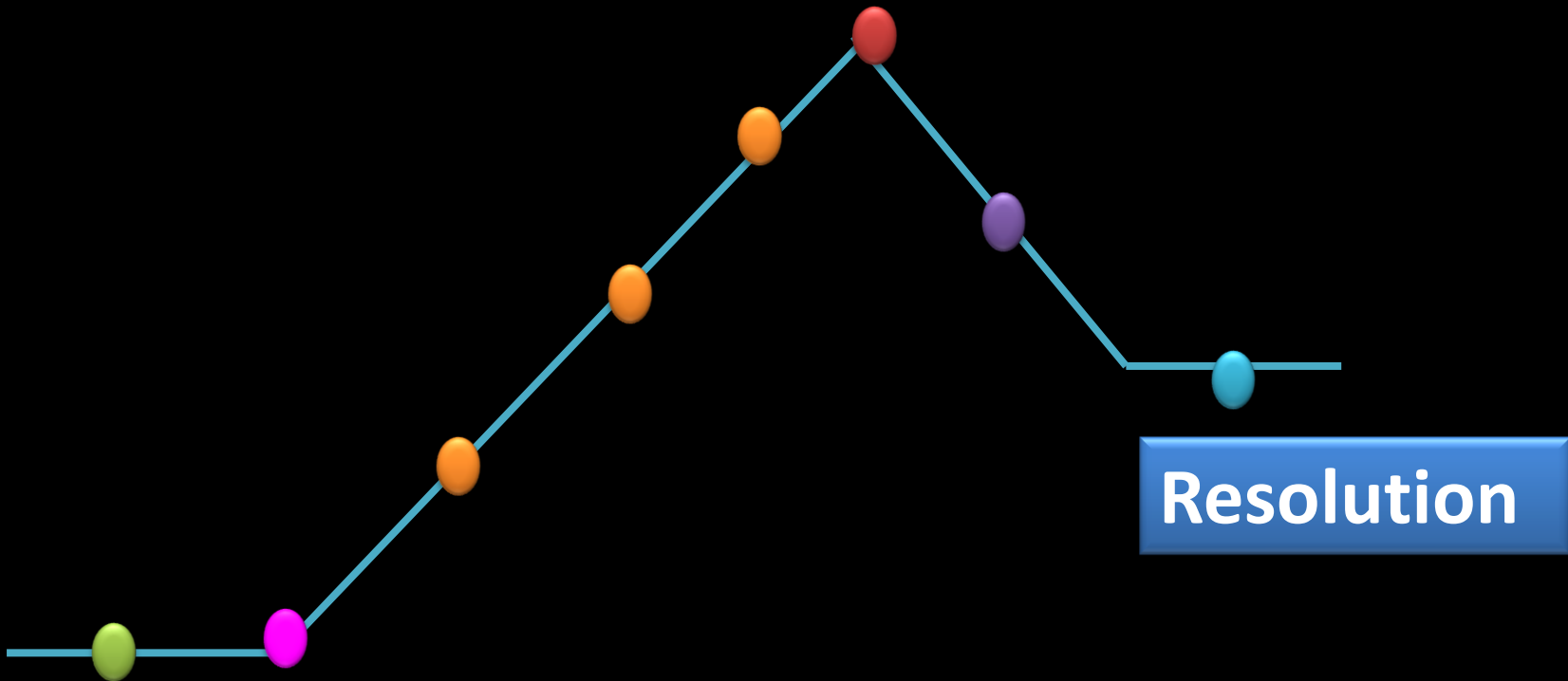
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FALLING ACTION

- The events that immediately follow the climax.
- Tying of loose ends.

PLOT DIAGRAM



RESOLUTION

- Where everything ends.
- The reader may have some sense of closure or may be asked to think about what might come next.
- In fairy tales, the resolution is the happy ending.
- In some novels, you may get to read about the characters many years later.

*NOTE:

Some plots follow slightly different outlines and require special literary techniques such as **flashback** or **foreshadowing**.

flashback

- a scene or event from the past that appears in a story out of order to explain something in the present.

foreshadowing

- hints at future plot actions.

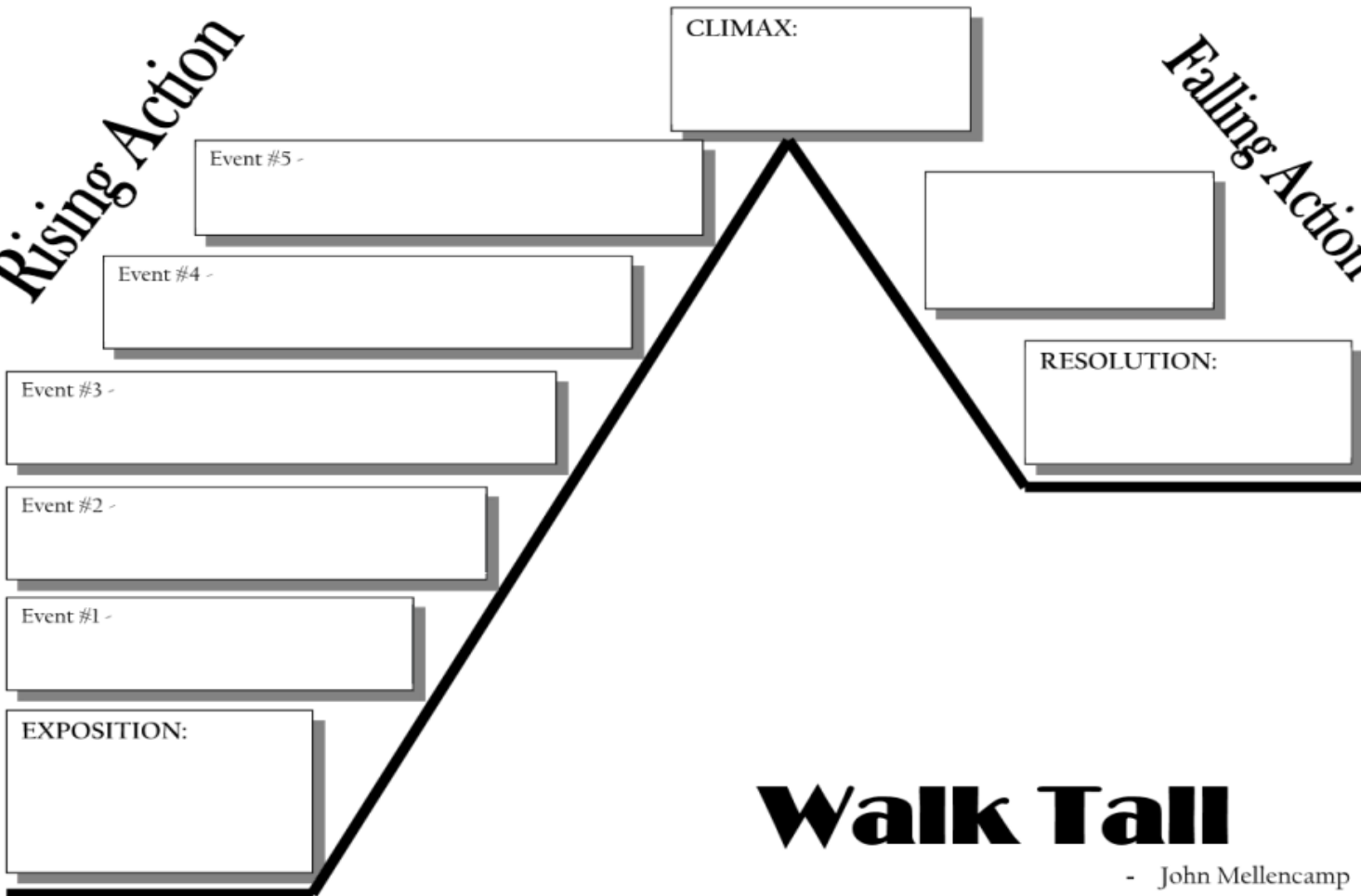
PLOT DIAGRAM ASSIGNMENT:

“Walk Tall” by John Mellencamp

1. Watch the “**Walk Tall**” music video.
Pay close attention – we will watch it twice.
2. Summarize each of the following in the spaces provided on the plot diagram.
 - a) Exposition
 - b) 5 rising action events
 - c) Climax
 - d) 1 falling action event
 - e) Resolution

Rising Action

Falling Action



Walk Tall

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