

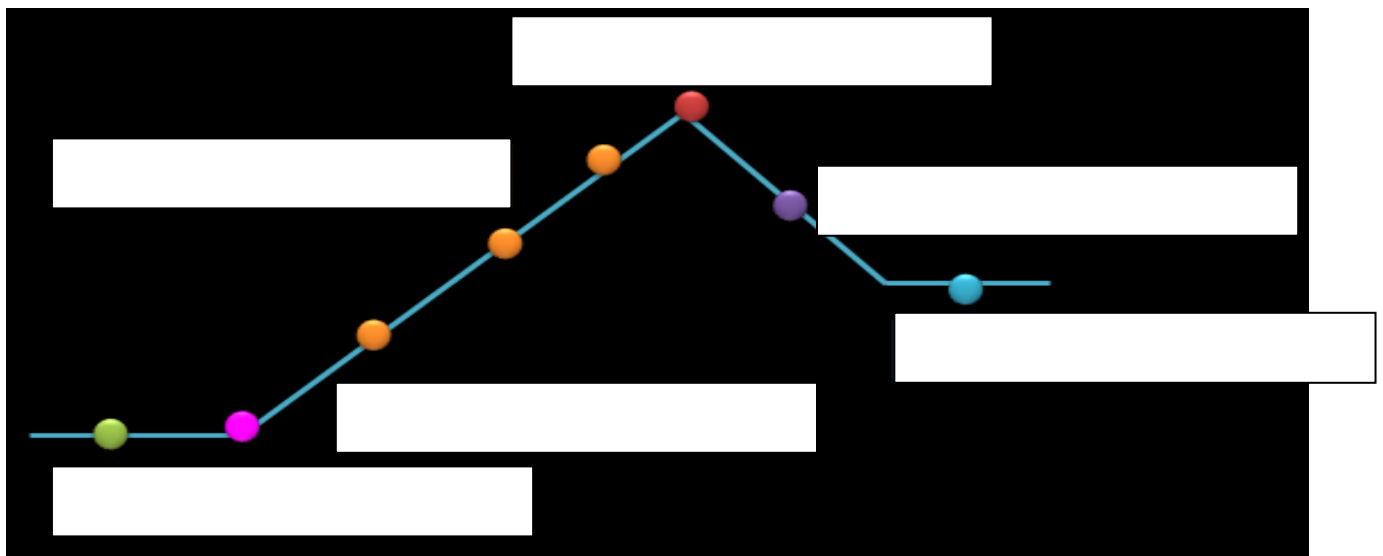
Plot

Name: _____

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

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

Plot Diagram:



EXPOSITION:

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

INCITING INCIDENT

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

RISING ACTION

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

CLIMAX

- The high point of the story in which the major _____ 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 “_____” will be clear (but there’s not always a winner).
- This is the point of the story where something _____.

FALLING ACTION

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

RESOLUTION

- Where everything ends.
- The reader may have some sense of _____ or may be asked to _____ about what might come next.
- In fairy tales, the resolution is the _____.
- 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**.

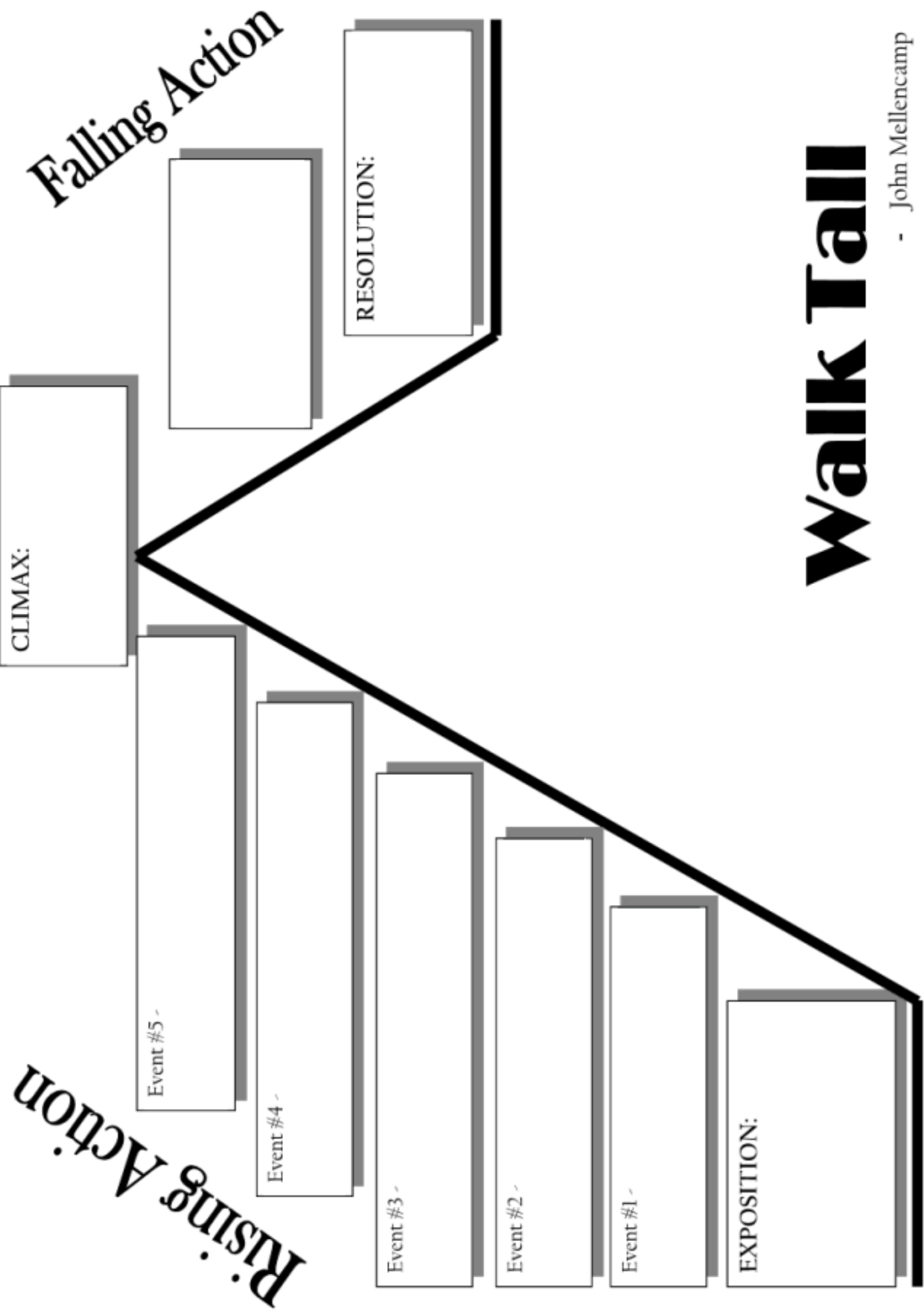
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- a scene or event from the past that appears in a story out of order to explain something in the present.

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- hints at future plot actions.

PLOT DIAGRAM ASSIGNMENT: “Walk Tall” by John Mellencamp

1. Watch the “Walk Tall” music video on YouTube. Pay close attention to the story – 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

*Note: You may want to take notes below while viewing the video, then fill in your finished work on the final plot diagram.



Walk Tall

- John Mellencamp