
DRAMA

definition: any story in dialogue form performed by actors for an audience. (ie plays, movies)



Elements of Drama

* Stage Directions

* Plot

* Character

* Dialogue

Stage Directions

- * **definition** - directions, usually in italics, to guide directors, set and lighting designers, performers, and readers.
- * Stage directions may describe
 - * background information
 - * setting
 - * costumes, lighting, music, and sound effects
 - * how the actors should look, speak, and behave

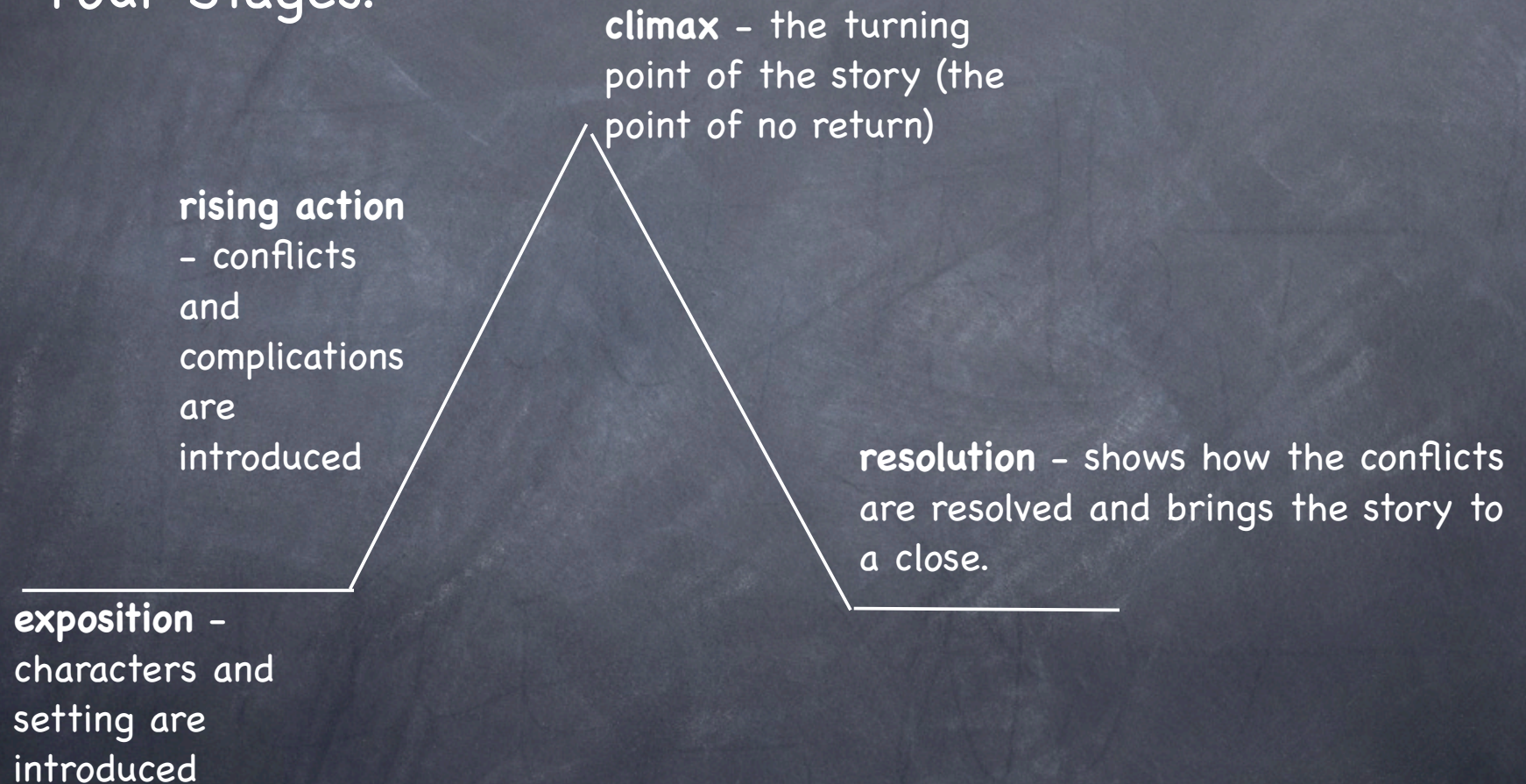
Plot

- * Remember? See the next slide for a refresher.
- * In drama, the plot can be divided into acts and scenes. Otherwise, is no different than in fiction.

Plot

Definition - the sequence of events in a story

Four Stages:



Characters

- * Remember?!?
- * Again, just like in fiction, there are main and minor characters as well as a protagonist and antagonist.
- * In drama, the cast of characters are listed in the beginning of the script.

character

definition - the people, animals, or imaginary creature who take part in the action of a story, novel, or drama.

- main characters - one or two characters whose experiences, reactions, and changes are the focus of the story.
- protagonist - the main character of the story
- antagonist - the force that the protagonist is struggling against
- minor characters - lesser characters that serve only to demonstrate the effect they have on the main characters

Dialogue

- * **definition** - conversation between characters
- * It's what makes a drama a drama!
- * This is the only way we know the characters thoughts and feelings.

Shakespearean Drama

- * Include comedies and tragedies.
- * See p986 & 987. Define the following in your notes:
 - * tragedy
 - * tragic hero
 - * comic relief
 - * allusion
 - * foil
 - * dramatic conventions
 - * soliloquy
 - * aside
 - * blank verse
 - * iambic pentameter