

A young boy with dark, slightly messy hair and wide, expressive eyes is looking directly at the camera while reading a book. The book is open, and its pages are visible. He is sitting on a dark blue couch. The background is a light-colored wall with vertical paneling.

# Plot

## A Story's Building Blocks

CHAPTER OPENER  
Chapter 1, Grade 7

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## Literary Focus



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- How do you experience suspense in a movie?
- How do you feel at different points in a film?
- What emotions are you experiencing?
- Does your heart beat faster?



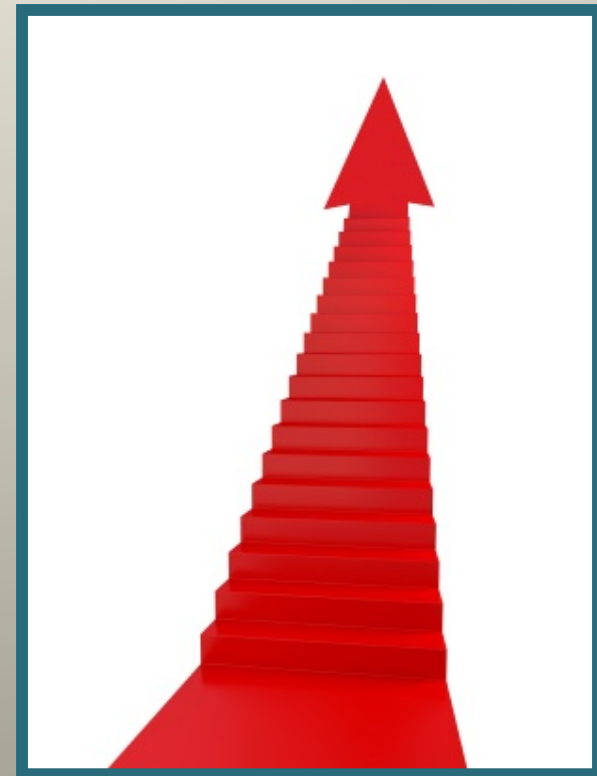
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- As we discuss plot, understand that the tension you feel may fluctuate as complications are introduced or overcome.
- As the story progresses, the suspense rises to a final peak, or climax, and then drops dramatically.

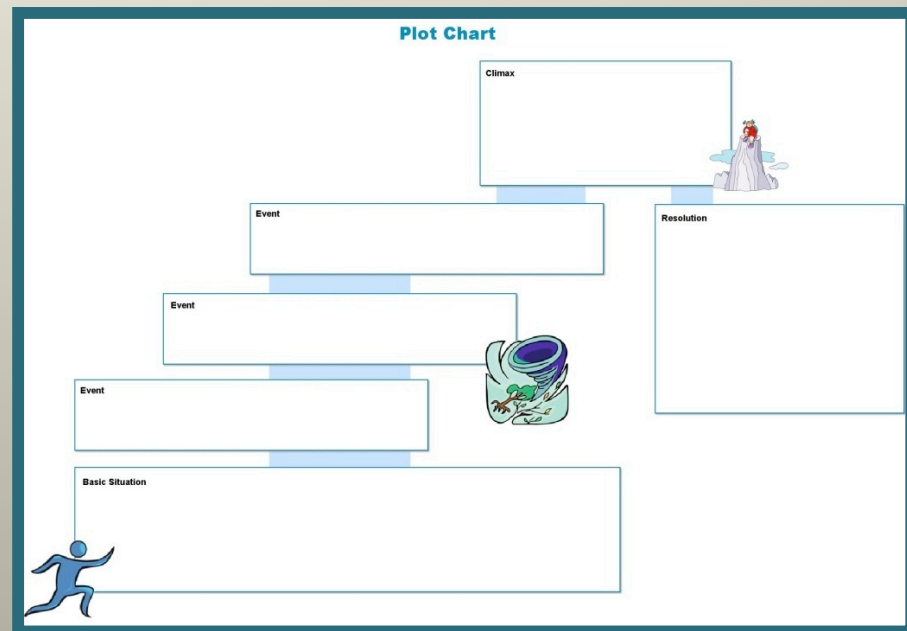


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## Apply



- Use the graphic organizer to map out a well-known fairy tale.
- See if you can show the story's main events.



Download this graphic organizer at [www.curriculumcompanion.org](http://www.curriculumcompanion.org)