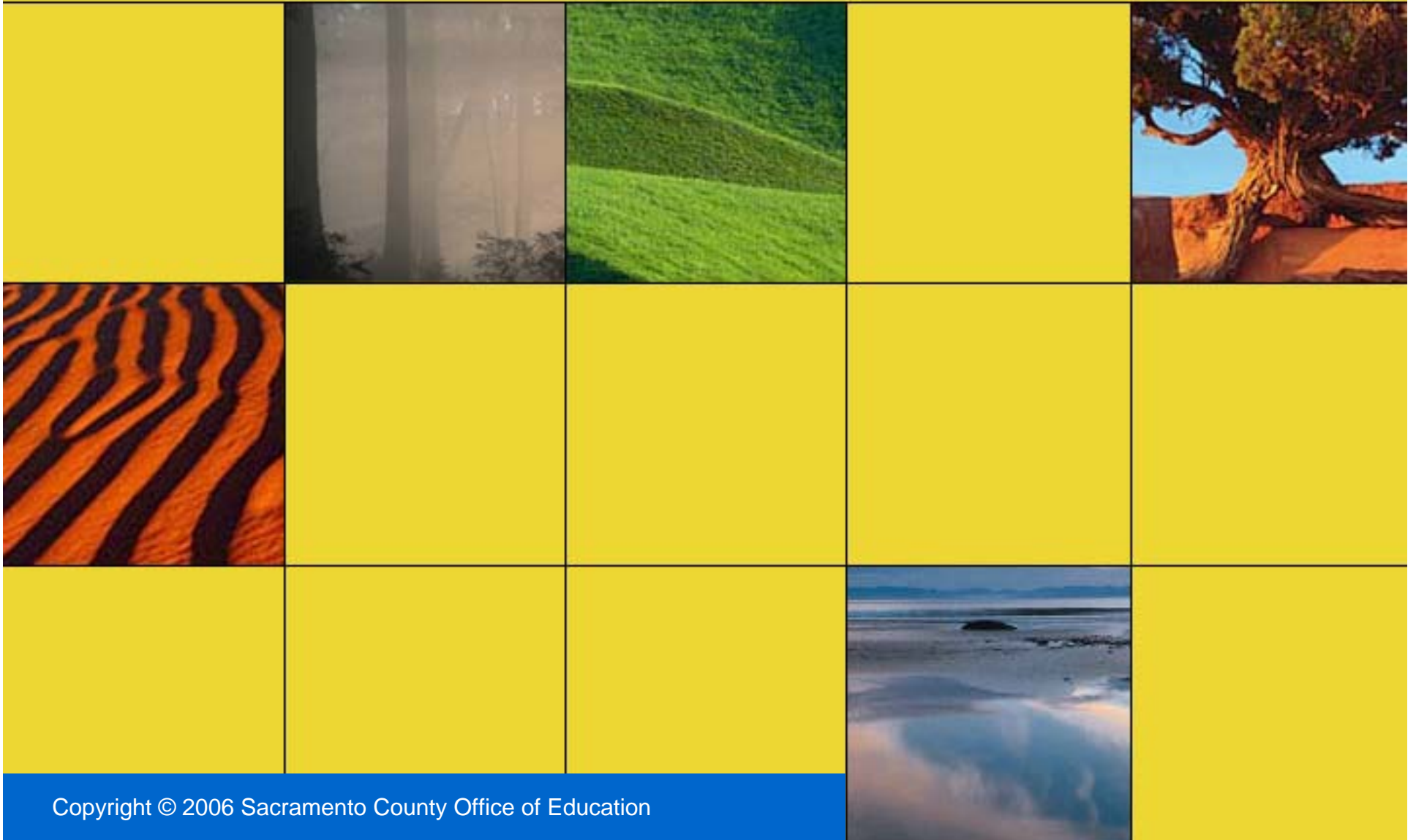


Plot and Setting: Generating Research Questions

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Basic Parts of a Plot

- The Basic Situation (Exposition)
- Conflicts (internal and external)
- Complications (Problems)
- Climax
- Resolution (Denouement)





Situation or Setting



Explains

- The main idea
- The conflict and complications
- When and where the story takes place



Conflicts

These are the complications that the protagonist must overcome

- Can be internal where the character struggles with conflicting emotions, desires, or needs.
- Can be external where the character struggles against an outside force such as: another character, society, or something in nature



Complications

Problems or confusions that occur in the story that prevent or hinder the protagonist from resolution can be interesting plot twists that keep the reader interested.



Climax

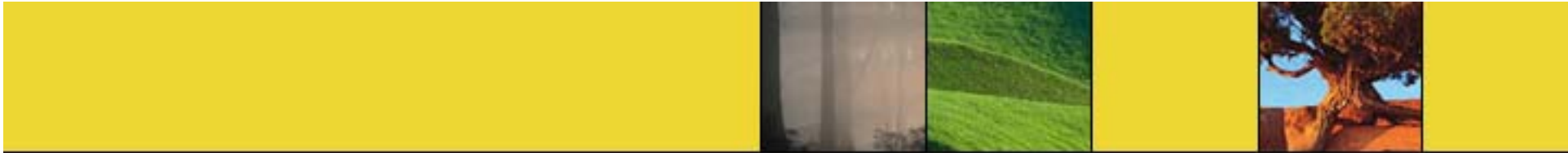
- The most exciting or suspenseful part of the story.
- This decides the outcome of the story



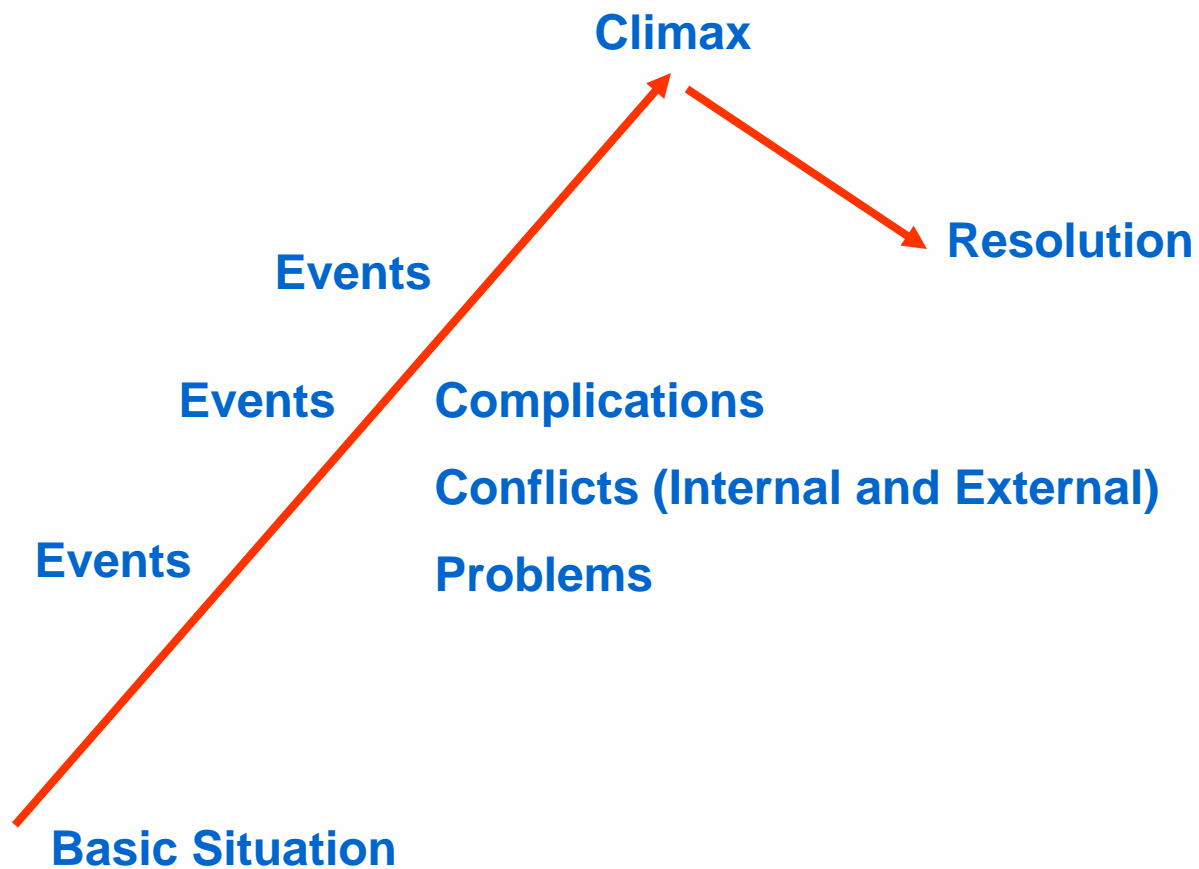
Resolution

Problems or conflicts are resolved and the story ends.





Plot Graph





Resources

- <http://www.learner.org/exhibits/literature/read/plot1.html> Annenberg Media explaining aspects of plot and aspects of literature
- <http://www.readwritethink.org/materials/plot-diagram/> Web site to have students create their own graphic for plot and include events.
- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plot> Wikipedia site that explains parts of plot