

- 1 **Exposition:** What happens at the beginning so the audience understands the relationships between the characters? How does the audience find out important information about what's already happened?



- 2 **Inciting incident:** What happens that changes everything? Is there a conflict between your characters, or does something happen that forces them to bind together?



- 3 **Rising Action:** What happens next that advances the plot and builds the tension?



4 Climax: What happens at the height of the action and tension?



5 Falling Action: What happens after the climax that starts to bring things back to normal, or begins to create a new normal?



6 Resolution: How does the story end? How are the problems resolved?

