

# STRUCTURE OF A STORY

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE & SECTION: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Almost all stories have a certain shape, or "narrative arc."  
Read the story. Then answer the questions about each element of the narrative arc.

▼ Introduction: How are the characters and setting described?

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▲ Conflict: What does the character want? What's in the way?

► Rising action: What does the character try to do next? How does it go wrong?

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Identify if the points above are for or against a certain argument. Add a + or - in each circle.

**Climax: What's the most exciting, emotional part, the one that turns the story in another direction?**

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**Falling action: What happens after the climax? What actions do the characters take to resolve their problems?**

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**Resolution: How does the story end? Does it address all the questions or challenges the characters had in the beginning?**

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**Are there any parts you didn't understand or wish the author would have said more about?**

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