

PLOT DIAGRAM

Freytag's pyramid in 6 parts. Map any story, then fill in each part below.

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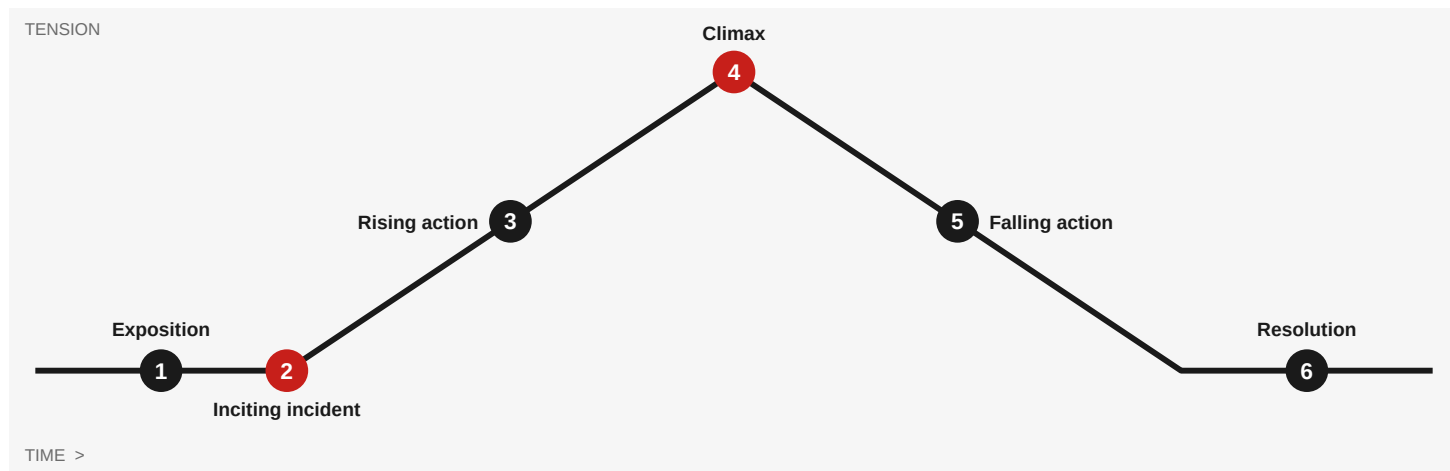
Romeo + Juliet (1996)

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LOGLINE: WHO WANTS WHAT, AND WHAT STANDS IN THE WAY

Two teenagers from feuding crime families in Verona Beach fall in love and marry in secret, but the feud closes in on them.



1. EXPOSITION who, where, and what's wrong

A TV news anchor reads the prologue. Montagues and Capulets shoot it out at a gas station. Romeo, lovesick over Rosaline, writes in his notebook.

2. INCITING INCIDENT the event that starts the story

Romeo crashes the Capulet costume party and sees Juliet through a fish tank. Neither knows who the other is.

3. RISING ACTION complications that raise the stakes

The balcony scene, played in the Capulet pool. Father Laurence marries them in secret.

4. CLIMAX the turning point

Tybalt kills Mercutio on the beach. Romeo chases Tybalt down and shoots him. From here, the lovers can't win.

5. FALLING ACTION what follows the climax

Romeo is banished to Mantua. Juliet is ordered to marry Paris. She takes a potion to fake her death, and the letter explaining it never reaches Romeo.

6. RESOLUTION the new normal

In the church, Romeo drinks poison beside Juliet. She wakes too late and shoots herself. The anchor closes the story.

WHAT HAS CHANGED? compare the exposition with the resolution

Two families at war at the start. At the end the feud has cost both houses their children, and the city sees what it has done.