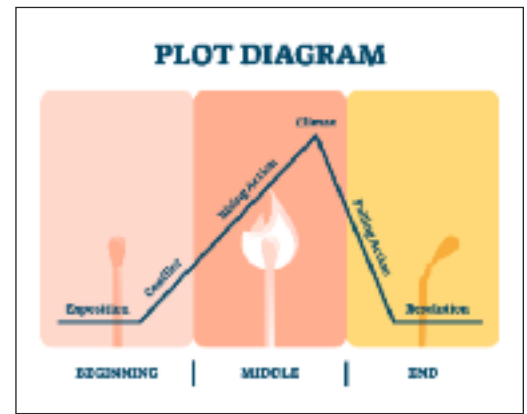


Plot

Plot is basically another word for story. Before you start writing your story, it's a good idea to know what happens. Write down the basic events in your story so you know where you're going. Before you write "Once upon a time," know that Goldilocks is going to walk through the woods, enter a strange house, make herself at home, then be surprised by the three bears.



Stories have a beginning, a middle, and an end. The beginning introduces your world and most or even all of your characters. The middle gives the characters things to do. What does your main character want? How do they go after it? What keeps them from getting it (at least for awhile)? The end of the story tells us whether the character got what they wanted and how. It also shows us how the character or maybe even the world changed.

Your turn! Write down the beginning, middle, and end of your plot:

Beginning

Where and when the story happens: _____

Who are the characters: _____

Middle

What does my main character want: _____

What my character does to get it: _____

What stands in their way: _____

This happens first: _____

This happens second: _____

This happens third: _____

End

Does my character get what they want: _____

Why or why not: _____

How is my character or my world different now: _____

