Elements of Plot

• Exposition
• Rising action
• Climax
• Falling action
• Resolution
Exposition

Introduces:
~ characters
~ setting

Climax

~ Point of highest emotion / tension
~ turning point

Rising Action

1 or more characters in crisis

Falling Action

Resolution of character’s crisis

Resolution

All loose ends tied up.
Let’s take a look at the elements of plot with the story of Cinderella!
Once upon a time, in a land far away, there lived a girl named Cinderella. She lived with her evil step-mother and two evil step-sisters.

Exposition

Introduced:
~ characters – Cinderella, step-mother, and step-sisters
~ setting – (time) long ago, (place) land far away
Everyday, the evil step-mother made Cinderella work all day long and into the night.

One day, an invitation to a ball was sent to all the young maidens of the kingdom, but the evil step-mother would not allow Cinderella to go to the ball and locked her in her room.

Cinderella thought all hope was lost until her fairy godmother appeared.

Dressed in a beautiful gown and glass slippers, Cinderella rushed off to attend the ball.
As the clock struck 12, Cinderella ran away as fast as she could. Although Prince Charming looked for her, all he found was a glass slipper.

The plot thickens…
Cinderella held her breath as Prince Charming gently slipped the glass slipper onto her foot. Prince Charming took Cinderella by the hand and made her his bride.
Cinderella went to live with Prince Charming in the beautiful castle on the hill.
Cinderella and Prince Charming lived happily ever after.

Resolution
All loose ends tied up.
Any questions?
Choose a fairy tale you remember from your childhood days and diagram the elements of the plot using a diagram like the one in this presentation. Be prepared to share with the class!