

Play: *Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian* • Issue: May 11, 2009

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Plot Pyramid

Many stories, including this issue's Readers Theater Play, follow a similar plot pattern. In the beginning, you learn the story's *central problem*. In the middle, this problem gets more complicated. This is called the *rising action*. The *climax*, or peak of the story, happens next, followed by the *falling action*, or the solving of the problem. Finally, there's a *resolution*, or ending. These various components of the plot are known as *plot points*.

Directions: Each box in the pyramid below is a plot point from *Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian*. In each block, write the answer to the question. When you're done, you will have identified the main plot points of the story.

3
Climax
How does the problem peak?

2
Rising Action
How does the problem get more complicated?

4
Falling Action
How does the problem get resolved?

1
Opening
What's the central problem?

5
Resolution
What's the final result?

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