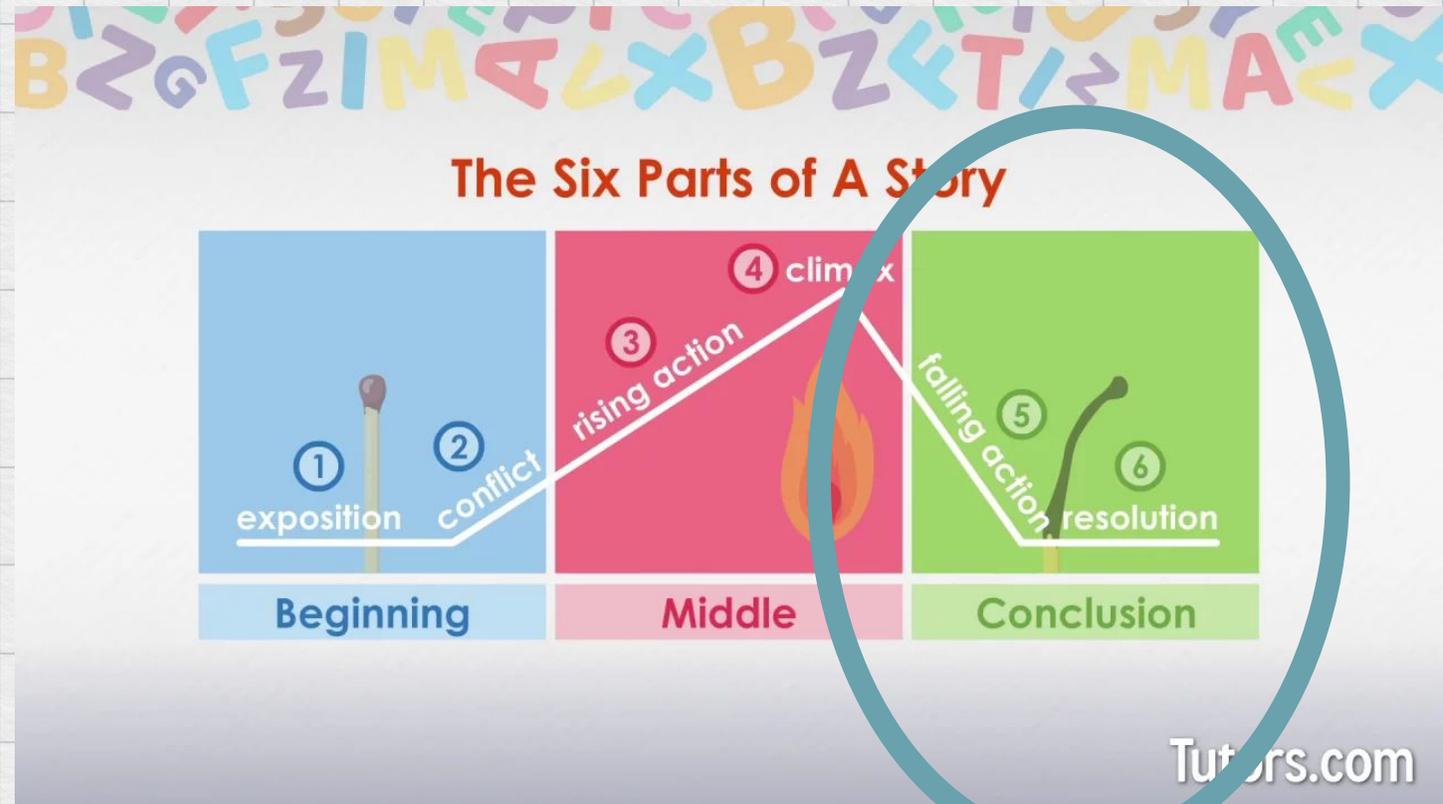


Writing the resolution

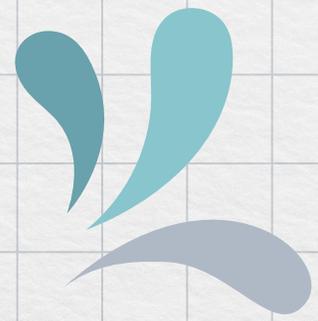
What is a resolution?

It's the end of your story!

- ❑ Conclusion of your story's plot
- ❑ After the climax
- ❑ Can include some of the falling action
- ❑ All (or most) conflicts should be resolved
- ❑ Should not include any new events or conflicts



Examples in film & literature



Harry Potter

When the final book of the Harry Potter series comes to an end, Voldemort has been defeated through Harry's ultimate sacrifice, and although there has been much loss of life, Voldemort is ultimately defeated.

Romeo & Juliet

In Romeo and Juliet, Romeo and Juliet are dead, and their families end their feud as they realize that their hatred has led to the deaths of their children.

How to . . .

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Pick up where your
“middle” or climax left off

03



Resolve all conflicts

02



Provide at least one or
two “falling action”
events (immediately
following the climax)

04



Leave the reader with a
satisfying ending



EXAMPLES OF NARRATIVE ENDINGS

Circular Ending

The story circles back to the beginning. Sometimes an author will end with the same idea or similar or exact words as the beginning of the story.

Surprise Ending

The story takes you where you didn't expect it to go. Sometimes this ending is called a twist ending because the story takes an exciting turn.

Lesson or Moral Ending

The main character in the story grows, changes, or learns something at the end of the story.

Warm Fuzzy / Capturing Emotion Ending

The story ends leaving you feeling emotional or good inside. A good writer tugs at the heart strings to make the reader feel something.

Reflection Ending

The narrator of the story steps back and reflects on what just happened. He or she often looks back on an experience and determines the importance of that experience, what was learned, etc.

Cliffhanger Ending

The story ends by leaving the reader hanging or wanting more. Writers use this strategy to tease readers or excite them into reading more (the next chapter or the next book in a series).

Question Ending

The story ends with a question to keep the reader thinking. The question usually involves the reader, and writers use this strategy to make their writing memorable.

Funny Thought / Humor Ending

The story ends with a funny thought or something that makes the reader laugh. This helps to make the ending more memorable to the reader.

Image Ending

The story ends with an important scene that the writer shows the reader through vivid details. By showing and not telling, the writer touches the reader's emotions and conveys a mood.

Dialogue Ending

The story ends with an important conversation or quote. By ending with a quote, the writer captivates the audience by making the characters more realistic and revealing their personalities.



Example

Beginning: Ms. Krieger can't get to Denver

Climax: Ms. Krieger boards her flight to Denver after riding a train, a bus, and a taxi to get to the airport.

Resolution: As she settles into her rather uncomfortable middle seat, 23B, her breathing begins to slow and her anxiety begins to dwindle.

She turns to her sister, cautiously exclaiming, "We may just get away with this yet!"

It wasn't until the plane was zooming down the runway in St. Louis, heading towards Denver, that she was truly able to relax, knowing that she will *finally* make it to her destination.



So what now?

Now it's time for our protagonist to face
the Falling Action and Resolution of our
Story

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