

# Short Story Notes Quiz

## Study Guide

**Short Story-** A fictional (make believe) story that is shorter than a novel

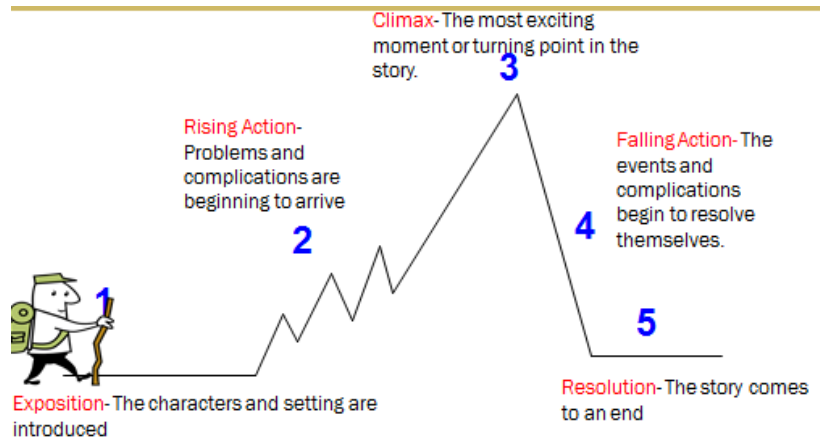
**5 key elements make up a short story:  
character, setting, plot, conflict, theme**

**Character-** a person or sometimes even an animal, who takes part in the action of a short story

**How to learn about a character:** Pay attention to what a character: says and thinks, does, treats other characters, what other characters say about the character

**Setting-** the time and place in which the story happens

**Plot-** a series of events and character actions that relate to the central conflict



## Plot Diagram

**Conflict-** a struggle between two opposing forces.

*External conflict-* Takes place outside the body; it's between the character and an outside force

**Man vs. Man-** The struggle is between two or more characters in the story

**Man vs. Nature-** Pits a story's main character or characters against a natural force

**Man vs. Society-** Characters battle against elements of government or culture

*Internal conflict-* Take place inside the character; it's a struggle within the character

**Man vs. Self-** The struggle is within one character- making a tough decision.

**Theme-** the central idea or belief in a short story