Term:	Definition:	Visual Reminder:
Theme	Central ideas in the novel; the author's meaning for the story	
Exposition	The beginning of the story, including the characters and setting.	
Conflict	The problem that makes the story interesting	Conflict
Rising Action	The events that build suspense and increase interest in a story	
Climax	The point of greatest suspense and intensity; usually near the end of the story	
Falling Action	The events that wrap up the story	
Resolution	How the story ends and the problem is solved	

Plot Curve Novel:	Climax: The turning point in the story – the point of greatest conflict and intensity
Author:	
Rising Action: What events, problems, and conflicts build suspense or increase complications in the story?	Climax
	Climax What events help wrap up the story?
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Conflict (Main Characte	
Exposition:	vs
Setting:	
Situation: Theme: The central ideas through	ugh the novel; the author's reason for writing or the meaning of the story
Characters:	