**Plot Curve**

**Novel:** _________________________

**Author:** ________________________

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**Exposition:**

Setting:

Situation:

Characters:

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**Rising Action:**

What events, problems, and conflicts build suspense or increase complications in the story?

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**Conflict**

(Main Character) vs. (Character who has conflict with the main character)

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**Protagonist vs. Antagonist**

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**Climax:** The turning point in the story – the point of greatest conflict and intensity

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**Falling Action:**

What events help wrap up the story?

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**Resolution:**

How does the story end? How is the conflict resolved?

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**Theme:** The central ideas through the novel; the author's reason for writing or the meaning of the story
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