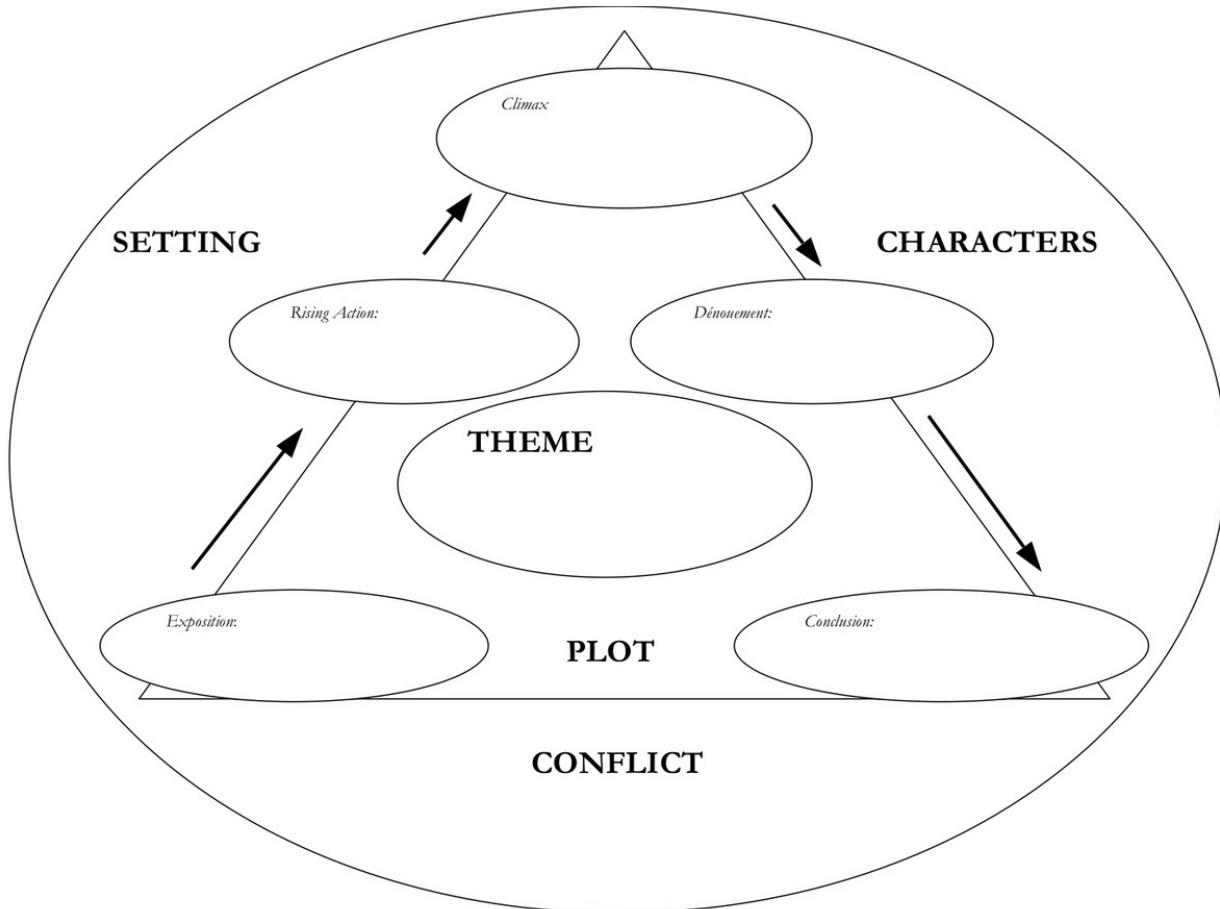


- I. All stories share common elements of context, structure and style.
- II. Children's stories are the most effective stories to begin with, no matter what your age.
- III. The Socratic method (teaching by asking questions out loud) is the only effective way to teach literature.

The Five Elements of Fiction: Story Chart



Conflicts in literature:

1. Man vs. man
2. Man vs. nature
3. Man vs. God/Fate/Destiny
4. Man vs. society
5. Man vs. himself

Plot Summary

Exposition, Rising Action, Climax, Dénouement, Conclusion

Theme

Practice: *A Bargain for Francis* by Russell Hoban

Plot Summary

- Exposition (the world of this story)
- Rising Action (incidents)
- Climax (highest point)

Conflicts

- Dénouement
- Conclusion

Theme (what is the story about)