

# Plot Structure Diagram

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Period \_\_\_\_\_

<b>CHARACTERS*</b> ①	
Protagonist and Main Character(s)	
_____	
_____	
Antagonist	
_____	
_____	
<b>SETTING*</b> ②	
Time	_____
Place	_____

\*Character, Setting, Conflict and Mood (how the story makes you feel) combine to create the EXPOSITION which helps you "get into" the story, novel or movie from the very beginning.

**TURNING POINT** ⑤  
(The main event between the protagonist and the antagonist or the moment for which the reader has been waiting.)

**RISING ACTION** ⑥  
(The major events that lead to the turning point.)

**FALLING ACTION** ⑦  
(The major events that lead to the resolution.)

**CONFLICT\*** ③  
(What's the problem between the protagonist and the antagonist?)

**RESOLUTION** ④  
(How was the conflict solved?)

**THEME** ⑨

(The lesson or message the author is trying to help us understand.)

**Lesson Learned by Protagonist** ⑧

### How To Determine the Theme

1. Actively read the text.
2. Fill out the Plot Structure Diagram (follow the circled numbers).
3. Ask yourself, "What is the lesson the protagonist learned?"
4. Rework this lesson so that it can be a lesson for anyone who reads the story.

