

Elements of Plot



Plot

- the sequence of events in a story



Basic Situation

- setting
- characters
- conflict



Setting

- where and when the story takes place



Conflict

- the struggle between opposing characters or forces
- What does the character want? What's keeping the character from getting what he or she wants?



External Conflict

- a character struggles against something *outside* himself
 - person vs person
 - person vs several people
 - person vs nature



Internal Conflict

- a character struggles against something *inside* her mind



Foreshadowing

- clues in a story that hint at future events



Flashback

- an interruption in the action of the plot to tell what happened at an earlier time



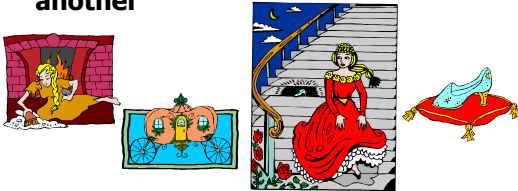
Series of Events / Complications

- what the characters are doing to try to resolve their conflicts



Climax

- the story's most emotional or suspenseful moment
- the conflict is decided one way or another



Resolution

- the last part of the story
- loose ends are tied up
- the story is closed

