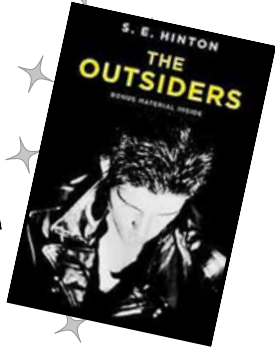


LEAP's Guide to Novel Text Structure



Elements of Novel Text Structure

Are you wondering what to expect when you read a novel? Novels will often follow a similar structure, often called Freytag's Pyramid. Within this structure, the novel will begin with an exposition, or the beginning of the story where the characters, setting, and world are introduced. It will then introduce the inciting incident, or conflict in the story. This problem will continue (or even get worse!) during the rising action. The story will peak during the climax where you'll learn the fate of the characters, with a "new normal" emerging in the falling action. The writer will tie up loose ends in the resolution.

Comprehension Tips

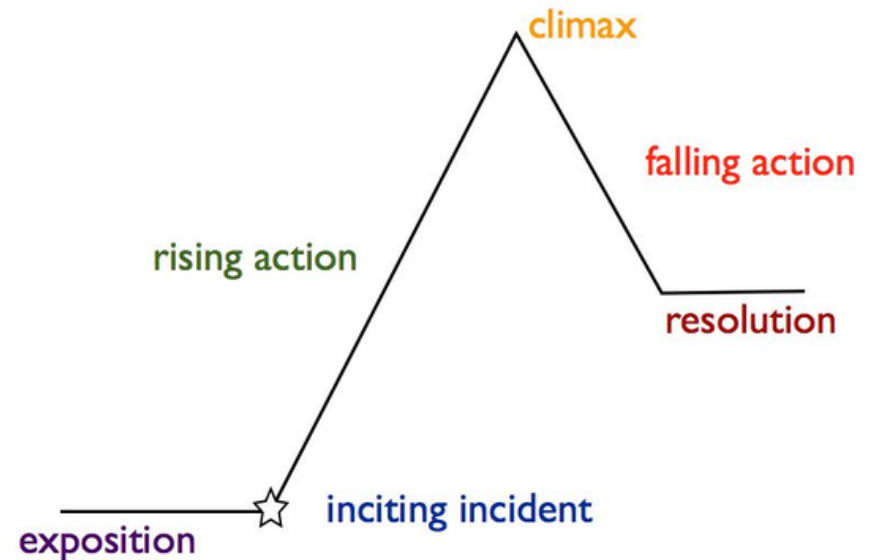
Use graphic organizers: These tools can help you keep track of each part of the novel. As you read, jot quick notes on who the characters are and what is happening in each part of the story.

Make predictions: Authors will often give clues to foreshadow what may happen next. Pay attention to the dialogue, changes in characters' behavior, and the characters' emotions, which may be helpful hints.

Helpful Information

There are many different kinds of novels that will follow Freytag's Pyramid within the plot, including realistic fiction novels, fantasy novels, historical fiction novels, and more!

Freytag's Pyramid



Novels and series we recommend:

- I Love You So Mochi by Sarah Kuhn
- Mexican White Boy by Matt de la Peña
- The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton
- Holes by Louis Sachar
- Blended by Sharon Draper

