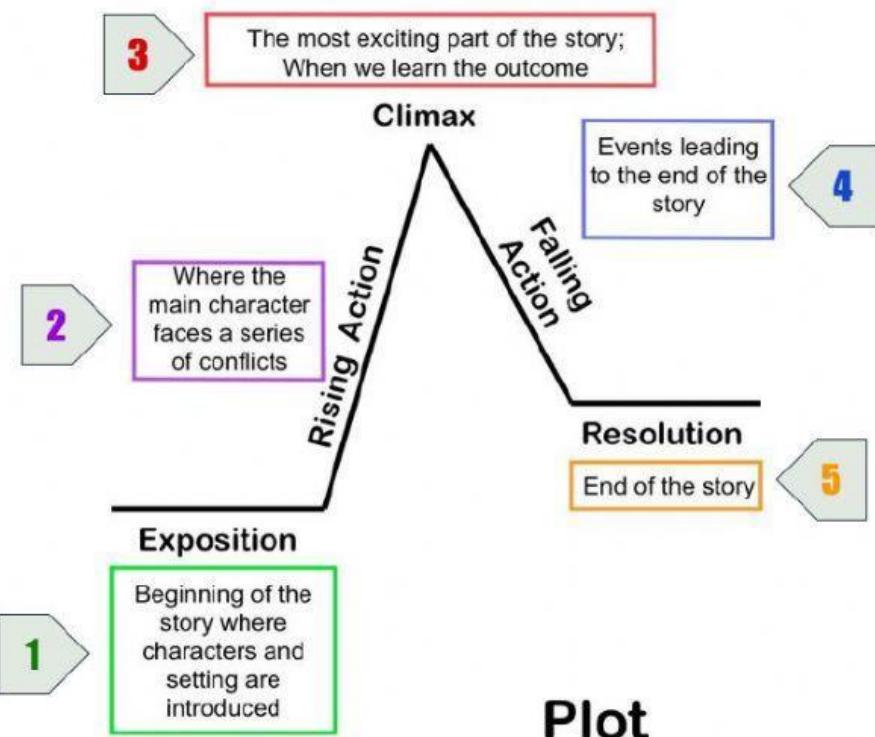




## Plot Chart

A. Look and study the Plot Chart below.



## Plot Diagram

B. Last year you read "The Canterville Ghost". Read the summary of the story on the next page. Can you place the different paragraphs of "The Canterville Ghost summary" in the correct section of the Plot Chart?

1. Exposition:
2. Rising Action:
3. Climax:
4. Falling Action:
5. Resolution:



## The Canterville Ghost



**A.** Horace B. Otis, a wealthy American, purchases Canterville Chase, an ancient English manor-house, despite warnings that the house is known to be haunted. He moves into the house accompanied by his wife, his eldest son Washington, his daughter Virginia, and his two younger twin sons. Immediately upon arrival, the family is confronted by a bloodstain in a sitting room. The housekeeper, Mrs. Umney, explains that the stain has been there since 1575 and is the result of Lady Eleanore de Canterville having been brutally murdered by her husband, Sir Simon de Canterville.

**B.** The Otis family takes a pragmatic perspective and scrubs the stain away; they repeat the process when the stain continues to reappear every morning. The stubborn reappearance of the stain, as well as other strange occurrences around the house, leads them to consider that the rumor of the ghost may not be totally unfounded. These ideas are confirmed when one night, the sound of clanking chains wakes Mr. Otis from his sleep. He gets out of bed and confronts a terrifying ghost but responds only by recommending that the ghost oil his chains so that he does not cause so much noise when he is walking around at night.

**C.** Mr. Otis is not the only family member who is not afraid of the ghost: the young twins enjoy tormenting the ghost with pranks. The ghost is very proud of his tradition of terrifying visitors for hundreds of years, and he is determined to strike fear into the American family. However, the more and more terrifying he tries to be, the more they either make fun of or ignore him. Things hit rock bottom for the Canterville Ghost when the twins actually create a fake ghost of their own to scare the real ghost. He accepts that he has lost his status and power, and he begins to become depressed and pine away.



**D.** Meanwhile, Virginia's beauty has attracted the attention of the young Duke of Cheshire, who comes to stay at Canterville Chase. While he is visiting, Virginia unexpectedly comes across the secret hiding lair of the ghost. The ghost explains his sadness and suffering, telling her that he longs for the peaceful experience of death. He also tells her that because of her purity and innocence, she can help him to achieve this peace. Even though she is frightened, Virginia agrees to help; the two of them pass through a secret opening in the wall and vanish.

**E.** When Virginia cannot be found, her family and the Duke become very upset. A few hours later, Virginia appears in the dark at the top of the stairs. Her only explanation of her disappearance is that she has assisted in finally bringing eternal rest to the Canterville Ghost. As a token of his thanks and affection, Sir Simon has given her a box filled with jewels. Virginia leads the family into a secret chamber, where they are greeted by the sight of his skeletal remains. Four days later, Sir Simon's body is finally laid to rest with a proper burial.



**F.** Virginia eventually marries the Duke of Cheshire. Although she never tells anyone what she experienced when she vanished with the Ghost, she always reflects affectionately on him and his memory.



**C. Now look at the story of "Shrek". First put it in the correct order.**

A. Donkey finds Fiona hiding in a windmill and discovers that she turns into an Ogress every night. Shrek overhears and misunderstands Fiona and believes she is talking about him. Donkey convinces Fiona to tell Shrek her true feelings about him, but it is too late. Fiona turns back into a human at sunrise.

B. Shrek confronts Lord Farquaad and they agree upon a deal: Shrek must rescue Princess Fiona from the Dragon-guarded castle and Lord Farquaad will clear the fairy tale creatures from his land.

C. Shrek and Donkey go on a journey to find the castle and rescue Fiona. They finally arrive and escape from the dragon, who ironically has a crush on Donkey.

Fiona becomes upset that "Prince Charming" was not the one to rescue her. After much feuding, Shrek and Fiona begin to fall in-love with each other.

D. Lord Farquaad returns that morning to take Fiona away and marry her. Shrek returns to his now empty swamp and both are miserable. Donkey convinces Shrek to rescue Fiona and proclaim his love for her.

At the ceremony, Shrek and Donkey interrupt, causing the sun to set and Fiona to turn into an Ogress. Farquaad refuses to marry the "ugly creature" and sets the guards on everyone. The Dragon comes to rescue them and eats Lord Farquaad.

E. Shrek and Fiona kiss. Fiona stays an Ogress, marries Shrek and they live happily "ugly" after.

F. Shrek is an Ogre who lives in a swamp. Shrek's swamp has been overtaken by fairytale creatures, who have been banished there by Lord Farquaad. This is when Shrek and Donkey first meet.

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D. Where would the paragraphs go according to the Plot Chart on page 1? (Write the letter under the correct section.)

Exposition	Rising action	Climax	Falling Action	Resolution

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