

(16) LITERARY ANALYSIS: PLOT

A plot is a planned, logical series of events having a beginning, middle and end. The short story usually has one plot so it can be read in one sitting. It has 5 elements:

EXPOSITION	at the start of the story, the setting, situation and main characters up to now are introduced (though not used as much in short stories as in novels)
COMPLICATION / RISING ACTION	an event that introduces conflict
CLIMAX	the point of highest interest in terms of the conflict and the point of the story with the most action
FALLING ACTION	when events and complications begin to resolve themselves.
RESOLUTION	the point of the story when the conflict is resolved.

ACTIVITY 1: Read the literary devices and their definitions. Give examples of the elements in Sredni Vashtar

ELEMENT	EXAMPLE
EXPOSITION	
RISING ACTION	
CLIMAX	
FALLING ACTION	
RESOLUTION	

ACTIVITY 2: Write your opinion of the story (30 words)

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