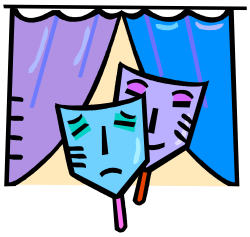


Literary Element: *Plot*

Name _____

The plot of a story is made up of a sequence of events. It is the writer's plan for what happens, when it happens, why it happens, and to whom it happens. Typically, a plot is built around a central conflict. A conflict is a problem that drives the story. Most plots develop in four stages:

Exposition: Characters and background of the action is described and the conflict begins.

In *The Egypt Game*, we are introduced to each of the main characters and they begin to play their Egyptian imagination game in the professor's backyard.

Rising Action: The conflict grows; excitement and suspense build.

The boys join the game and the questions written to the oracle begin to be mysteriously answered. We also learn about a serial killer who has taken the lives of two children.

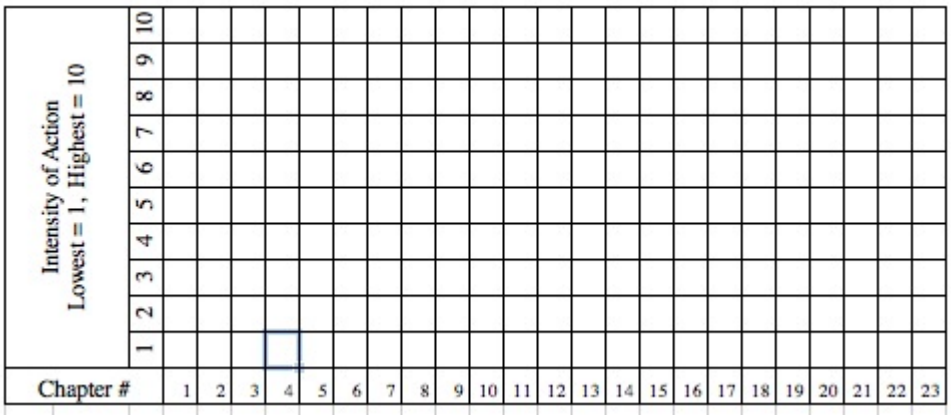
Climax: The point at which the plot reaches a turning point.

April is attacked by the serial killer.

Falling Action: The climax is followed by the resolution where loose ends are tied up and the story ends.

The killer is captured, April and Marshall escape with their lives, and the professor is vindicated. They also receive special gate keys from the professor to continue their game in the future.

Using the definitions and details above, plot the story action on the graphic below.



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