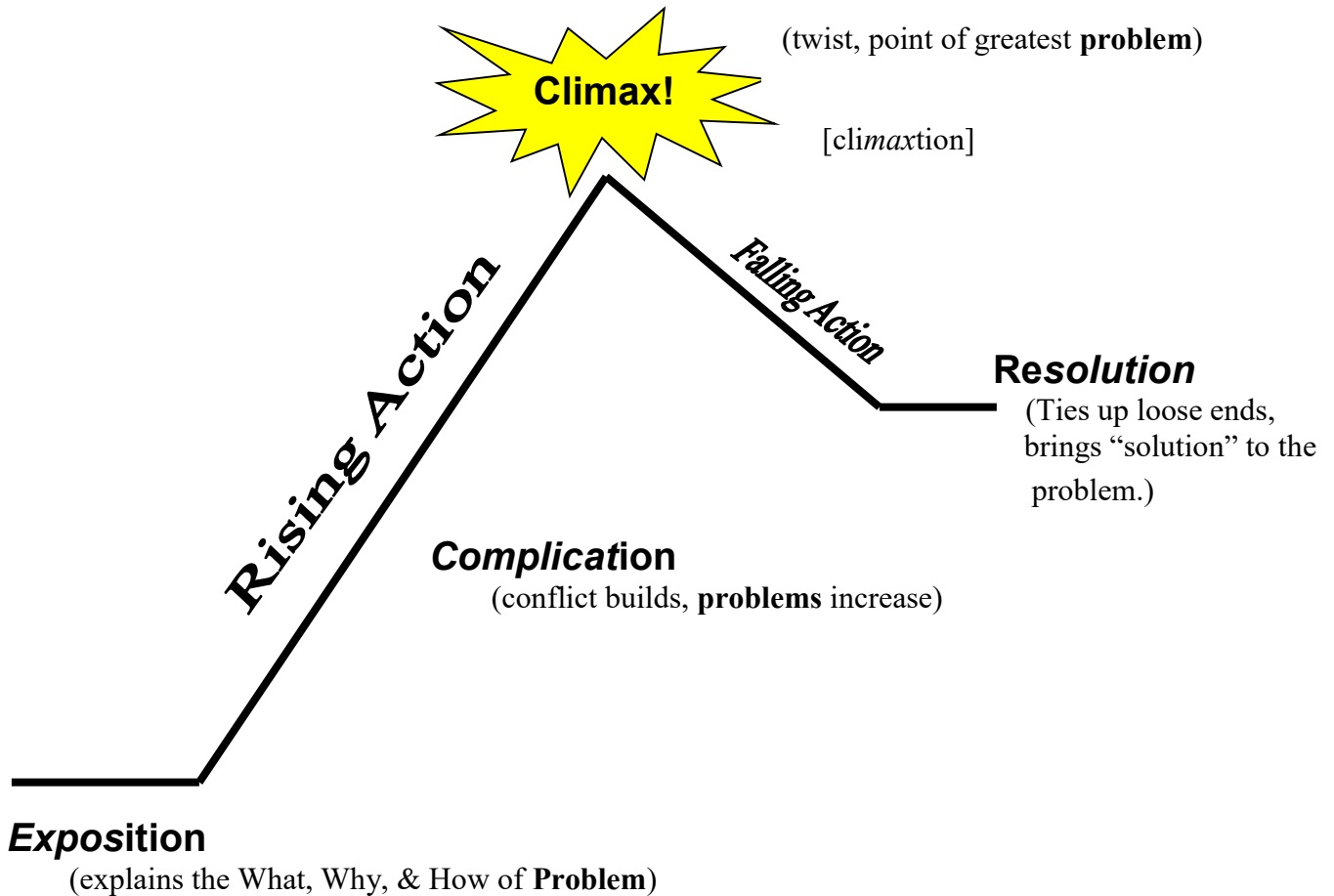


# The 4 Elements of a Short Story

- (1) **Setting:** Time and Place
- (2) **Characters:** Main, minor
- (3) **Theme:** The lesson learned in the story, the purpose of the story, the author's message
- (4) **Plot:** Events in order



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| <b>WHERE, WHEN</b> | (1) <b>Setting</b> --Vancouver, WA, Thomas Jefferson MS, morning<br>Where the problem takes place |
| <b>WHO</b>         | (2) <b>Characters</b> --can there be more than one Main character?<br>Who has the problem?        |
| <b>WHY</b>         | (3) <b>Theme</b> --NOT a moral!<br>What does the main character learn from the problem?           |
| <b>WHAT, HOW</b>   | (4) <b>Plot</b> --simplified plot graph above<br>How is the problem developed and “solved”        |