

Week 2, June 5

Rising Action: The rising action of a story is the section of the plot leading up to the climax, in which the tension stemming from the story's central conflict grows through successive plot developments. **What are the most significant plot incidents in the rising action?**

Conflict: A problem or struggle between two opposing forces in a story. There are four basic conflicts:

- Person Against Person: A problem between characters (external)
- Person Against Self: A problem within a character's own mind (internal)
- Person Against Society: A problem between a character and society, school, the law, or some tradition (external)
- Person Against Nature: A problem between a character and some element of nature (external)

What types of conflict exist in the story?

Cause and effect is a relationship between events or things, where one is the result of the other or others. This is a combination of action and reaction. The cause is why something happened. The effect is what happened.

What are some examples of cause and effect in your book?

Motive: A character's reason for doing what he/she does. *What are some of your characters' motives?*

Point of View: The angle of considering things, which shows us the opinion or feelings of the individuals involved in a situation. In literature, Point of view (POV) is what the character or narrator telling the story can see (his or her perspective). **Whose POV is the story told from? What are the benefits and disadvantages of this?**

Prediction: This is making thoughtful or informed guesses about what you will read about next in the text. You then read on to see how the text confirms or does not support your predictions. *How do you predict the major conflicts in the story will be resolved by the end of the story?*

Theme: The central message of a story. It is:

- What the author wants you to learn or know
- A broad idea about life
- Usually not stated

What themes do you see emerging in the story thus far?

What does this book make you think about?

What do you find confusing or have questions about?