

# Narrative Writing

**Research-Based Writing**

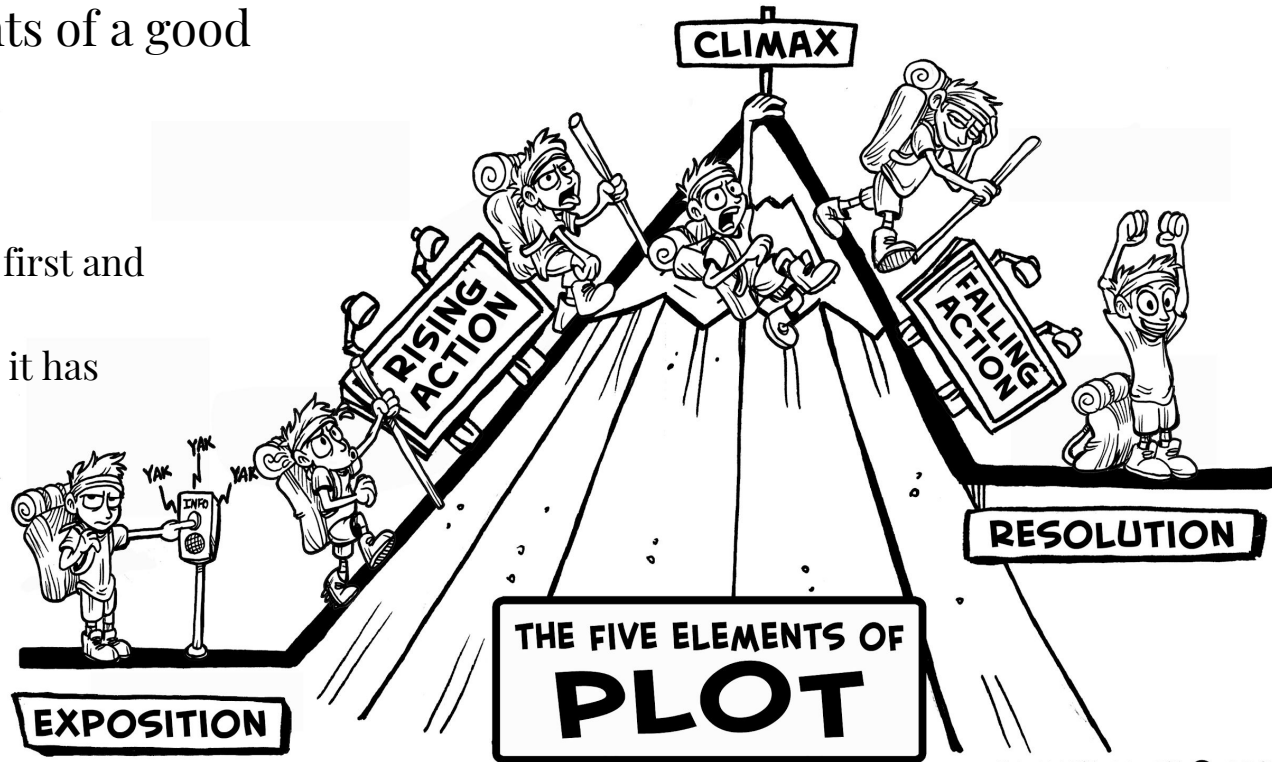
# What is a Narrative?

- A narrative essay is a story with a purpose.
- Officially described as writing that is characterized by a main character in a setting who engages with a problem or event in a significant way.
- You can write about a simple, small moment or a dramatic episode; the important thing is that it means something to you.
- Narrative writing encompasses a lot:
  - Author's purpose
  - Tone
  - Voice
  - Structure
  - Word choice

# Three Main Components

The two main components of a good narrative essay are:

- Plot
  - A narrative essay is, first and foremost, a story.
  - Like any good story, it has characters, action, and a story arc.



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- Description
  - Allowing your readers to experience the story through sensory detail, rather than just telling them about it, is key to effective storytelling.

