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Freytag's Pyramid – Rising Action

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Rising Action:

It is a series of relevant incidents that create suspense, interest, and tension in a narrative. It includes all decisions, characters' flaws, and background circumstances that together create turns and twists leading to a climax.

Ideas

- Create rising actions from characters' motivations and desires. Tension in your story may come from myriad sources. ...
- Raise the stakes. In rising action, the stakes grow as the story progresses. ...
- Set rising action over shorter and longer periods. ...
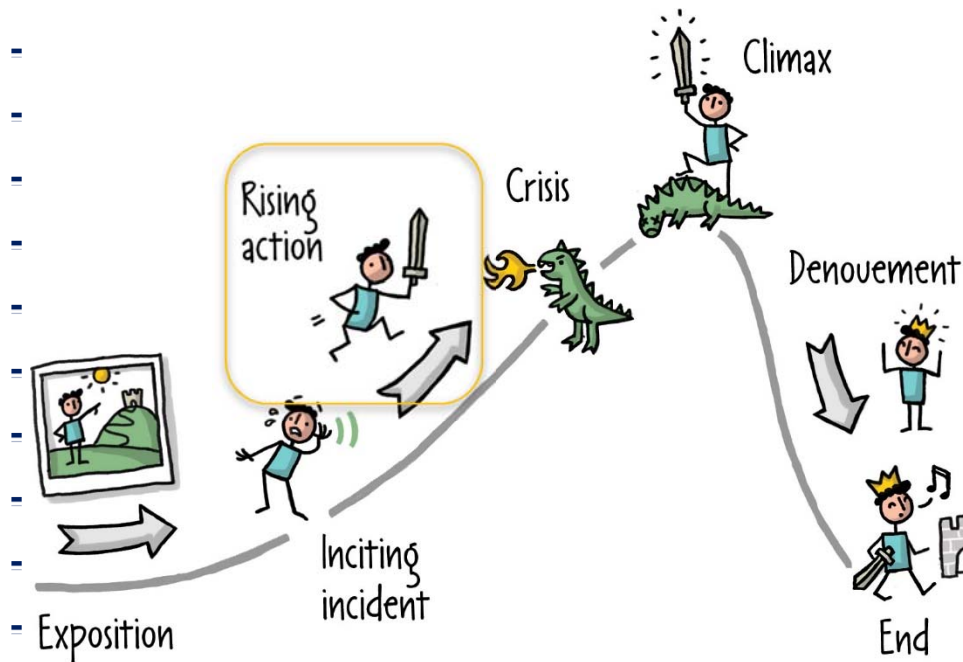- Link chains of rising action to heighten suspense.

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Instructions

Print out the card and give it to a student or a group of students. Ask them to try and create a series of interconnecting events which gradually increase the tension in the story. Ask them to utilize the ideas written in the back of the card. If needed, ask reflective questions to help them be more accurate.

Suggestions

1. It is a good idea to use post-it notes on a large piece of paper to describe the individual events and brainstorm. This will allow easier corrections if needed.
2. Ask the students to write down all ideas about events in a brainstorming session. Then filter them and keep the needed ones. Gradually the students will improve and become more accurate.
3. Pose reflective questions on the events. For example, ask how events are connected to the previous ones, if the outcomes of an event could be more than one (and what could happen then), if and how an event is connected to the Exposition and the main character's qualities, how an event is connected with the disrupted balance.
4. Select stories that the children are familiar with and pin point events and their connection with the exposition and the characters. This will help understand this section better.
5. It is an interesting/supportive idea to use logic diagrams (boxes with events connected with arrows which indicate a logical sequence) in order to examine then if everything makes sense, is coherent or if other routes could be available