Writing Toward a Climax

Good stories have climaxes or turning points. This is when the momentum in the story changes from good to bad (or bad to good). In this exercise you will practice planning your story around the climax.

**Directions:** Put the turning point of your story in the box at the top. Put major events before and after the climax in the appropriate boxes. Also describe the conflict in your story and how it is resolved.

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**Climax:**

**Rising Action 1:**

**Rising Action 2:**

**Rising Action 3:**

**Falling Action 1:**

**Falling Action 2:**

Conflict: ________________________________

Resolution: ________________________________