

Analyzing Effectiveness of Structure in Fiction:

In Media Res



Directions: The phrase in media res is Latin for “in the middle of things.” A story within media res structure begins right in the midst of the main action of the story. Read the story. Answer the questions.

1. What happens in the first scene of the story?

2. What are the characters in the middle of?

3. How, where, and when does the author present the backstory, setting, descriptions, or any other information that you need to know in order to fully understand what is going on?

4. Do you think this is the most effective way to tell this particular story? Why or why not?
