



The Climax

The turning point of a story is a major narrative shift that alters the course of a story. A major turning point in a story is the climax. The word climax comes from the Greek word *klimax*, which means "ladder." The climax of a story is the point of highest excitement, because it is the point at which the main character faces their biggest problem or obstacle. It is also the point at which the protagonist takes the last step to resolve a conflict or reach a goal, and there is no turning back.

What is the main character's main story problem?

How does the character try to solve their problem? How do their efforts create suspense in the story?

What is the climax of the story? How do you know?