



Innovation Lab Network Performance Assessment Project

Prewriting: Plot Graph

Remember: as this is a *short story*, you want to make sure that your plot covers a short period of time. This is not a rule or requirement, but it will help you a lot with pacing. Try to make the plot of your story cover no more than a few days at most. Know your genre: don't plan a novel-sized plot for a short story-length assignment!

Story Theme: _____

The plot graph is a series of connected boxes representing the sequence of events in a story. The boxes are numbered 1 through 7, with corresponding labels and questions. Box 2 is a starburst shape. Box 4 is labeled 'Rising Action' along its left side. Box 6 is labeled 'Climax' along its right side. Box 7 is labeled 'Falling Action/ Resolution:' along its right side.

2 **Conflict**
What is the main problem/tension in the story?

5 **Event #3:**

6 **Climax**

4 **Event #2:**
Rising Action

1 **Exposition**
Where / how does the story begin?

7 **Falling Action/ Resolution:**

3 **Event #1:**