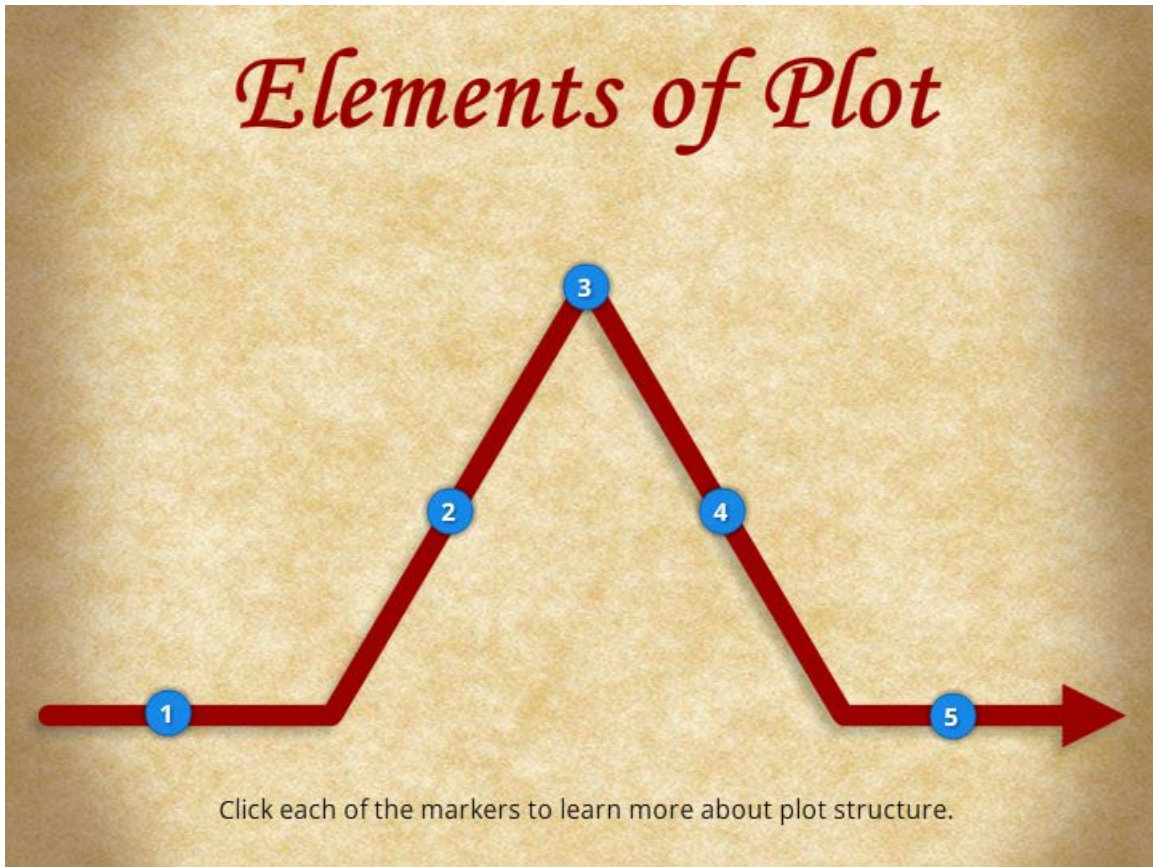


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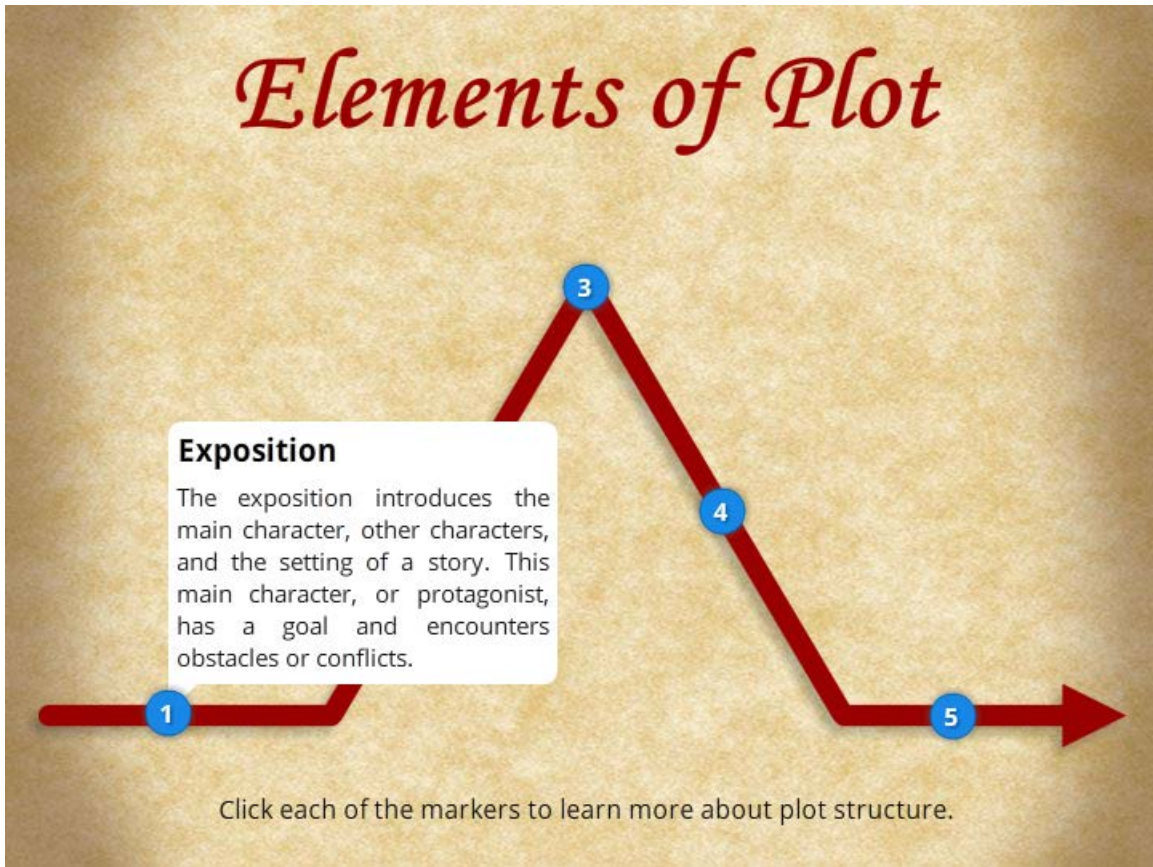
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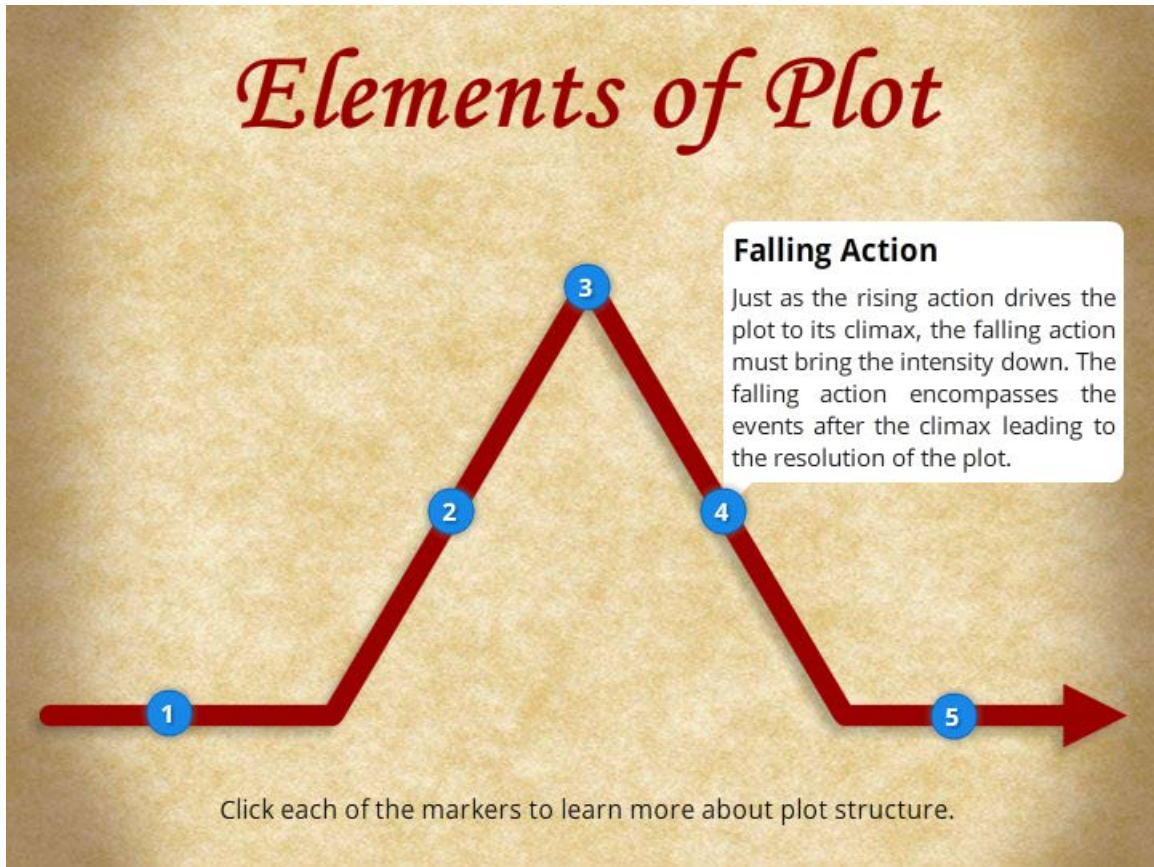
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**Falling Action**



Just as the rising action drives the plot to its climax, the falling action must bring the intensity down. The falling action encompasses the events after the climax leading to the resolution of the plot.

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