

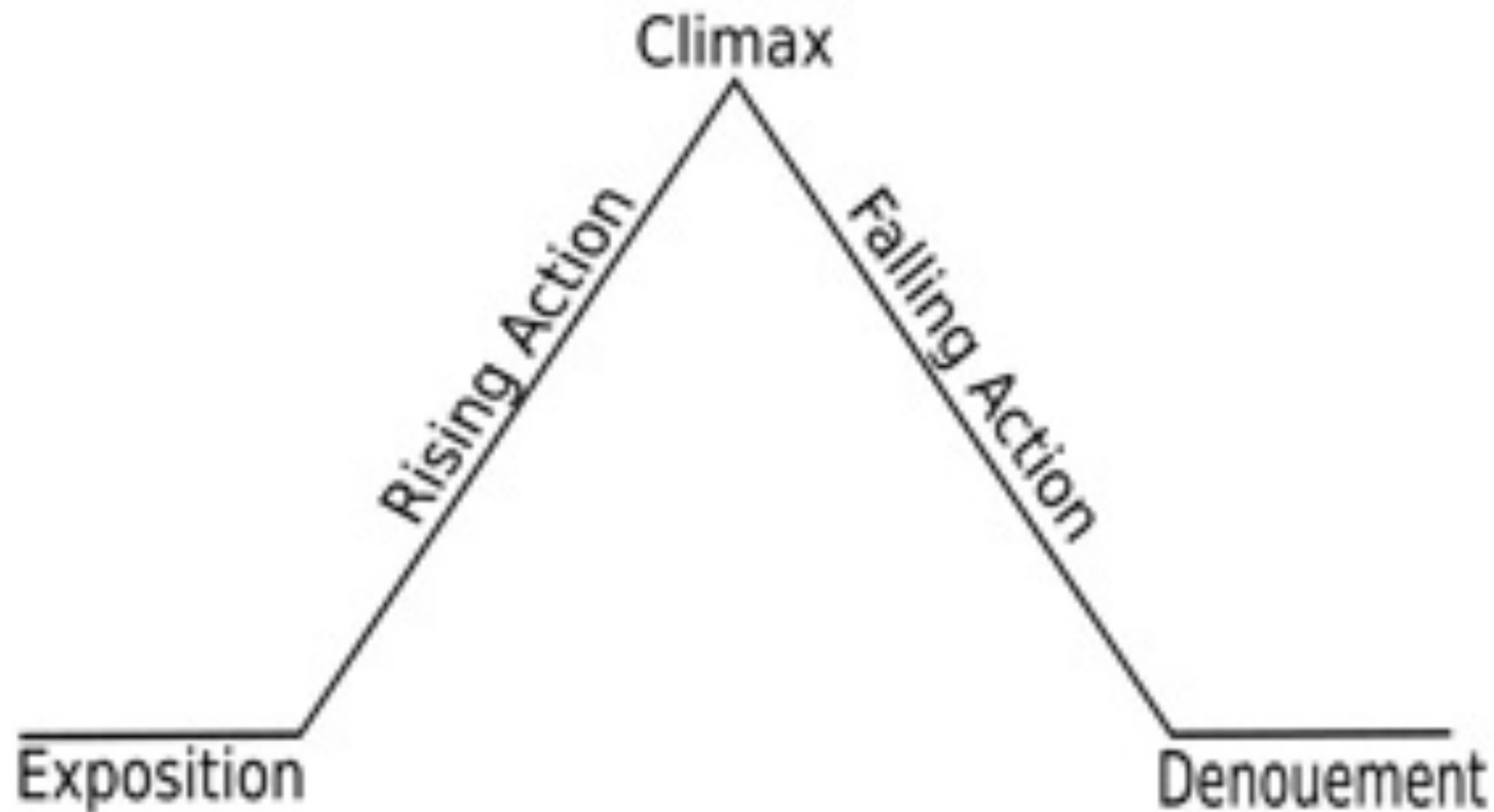
# BELL RINGERS

Narrative Reading & Writing Unit  
7th Grade Week 2



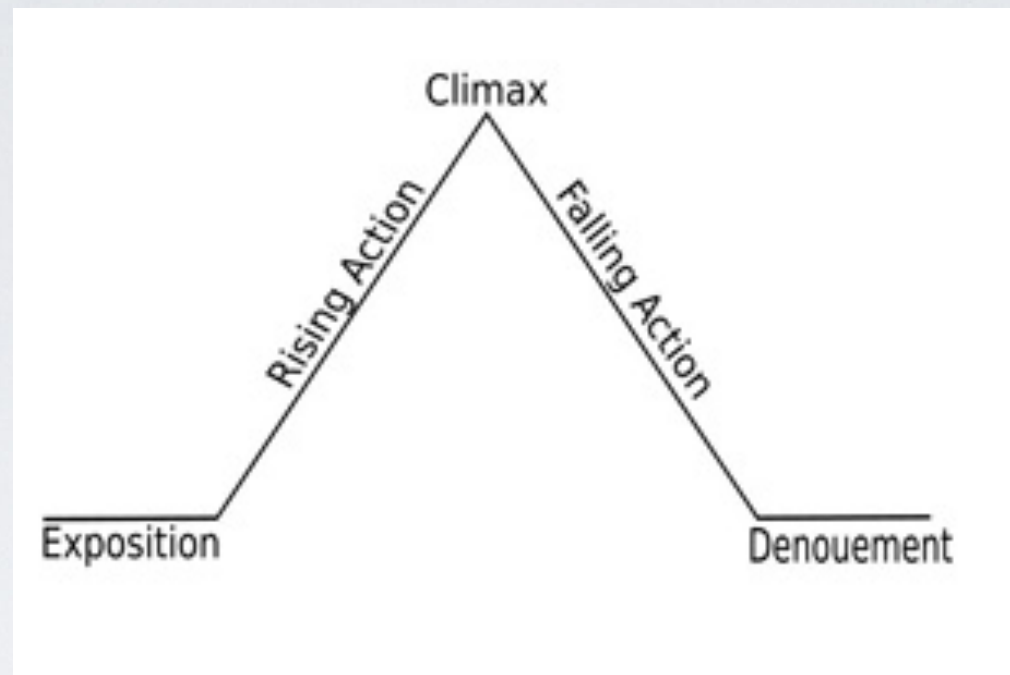
Brownie points if you can find the error on this slide!

# BELL RINGER I



What do you remember about the plot diagram? What happens in each part?

# DO YOU REMEMBER?



With a partner, talk about what you know.  
It's ok to fill in any missing information on your paper.

exposition  
rising action  
climax (turning point)  
falling action  
resolution / denouement

# BELL RINGER 2

**This is an excerpt of just the rising action part of a story. The rising action is like having one problem after another. Write about what problems you see here in the rising action.**

**Tiny grains of light brown sand stuck to the bottoms of his feet, each one like a minuscule shard of glass. Robbie's feet churned over and over as he ran at a lightning-fast pace stumbling past the bicycle hut, around the umbrellas, and practically through the hot dog stand. Panicked, Robbie reached the front steps of the condo only to realize that it was locked and that he didn't have a key. Frustrated, he spun around to search for the hidden spare key only to knock it down from its hiding place and into the gutter.**



# BELL RINGER 3

- A symbol is an important part of a story.
- A symbol is an object—a thing—that has a lot more meaning than just what it appears to be.





WRITE ABOUT WHAT WAS SYMBOLIC ABOUT  
THIS PICTURE IN THE VIDEO CLIP YOU  
VIEWED RECENTLY.



# BELL RINGER 4

On the next slide, you will read a brief dialogue from a short story.

There are very specific things about punctuation, spacing, and more when you actually write dialogue.

After reading the dialogue on the next slide, make a list of “rules” that go along with writing dialogue that you think are important to do.



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**Streams of sunlight shot through the clouds as the sky brightened.**

**“Hold on! Just wait!” Ray called back.**

**I sighed impatiently because I couldn’t wait any longer for the surprise.**

**“Ok, we’re almost here now,” he finally admitted as the car turned the corner.**

**“Woo hoo! OMG! It’s the ski mountain! We must be going skiing today!” I shouted, totally ecstatic at the last-minute ski trip he secretly planned.**



Your job: Re-Write this dialogue using **CORRECT** punctuation and spacing. In a few minutes, we'll look back at the other slide and you can see how well you did!

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# BELL RINGER 5

Use spacing and punctuation to edit the passage below which contains dialogue.

The sky darkened over us as the thunder rolled. Shouldn't we go in asked Sam, my neighbor. We were only nine or ten and we had been playing in my backyard. Oh, yes! I don't wanna get wet I replied as we both started running for the house. Wait, where's Buddy shouted Sam. My little brother had been right there two seconds ago. Buddy I yelled as cold, piercing rain fell. Buddy come on! I panicked. Oh, there he is pointed Sam. Buddy was inside the house, dry and warm, laughing and trying to eat the key we needed to get back inside.



# BELL RINGER 5

Quickly, get with a partner or two and compare your bell ringer writing activity.

**Talk about how you used spacing and punctuation to re-write the dialogue.**

It's ok to make changes on your paper.

## Does your re-write look anything like this?

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