

# Typical Structure of a Story

These are the building blocks of a story:

## Beginning

- ❑ Establishes the setting
  - Time period
  - Weather
  - Location
- ❑ Introduces the characters
- ❑ Hooks the reading (Dramatic Question)
- ❑ Sets up the conflict

## Middle

- ❑ Develops the characters (reader learns more about them)
- ❑ Events are revealed in a logical manner (chronological order)
- ❑ Rising Action
  - Events are leading to a climax (the most exciting part of the story)
  - The conflict is becoming clearer to the reader
  - Suspense is building
  - Action is getting more intense
- ❑ Climax (this is the major conflict in the story)

## End

- ❑ The story starts coming to a close
- ❑ Loose ends are being tied up
- ❑ We find out what happens to all the characters
- ❑ The reader is left feeling settled that everything has worked out
- ❑ There are no more questions in the readers mind