

## DEFINITIONS

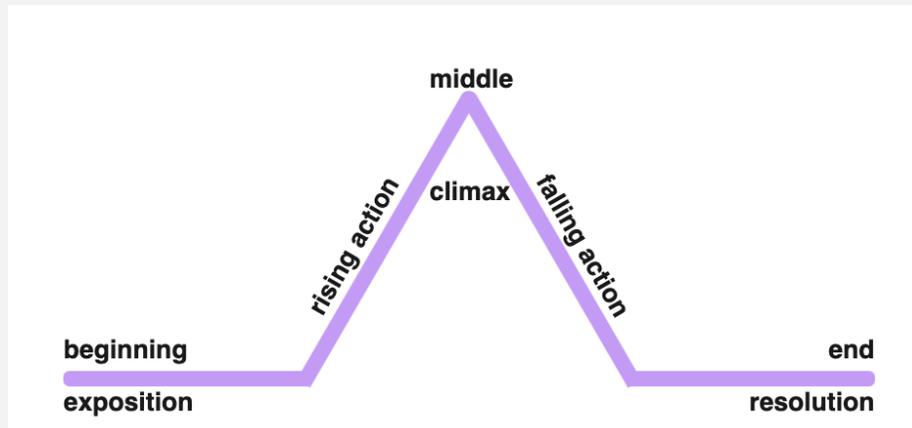
**Historical context** refers to details about the time and place surrounding a story or event. This information allows us to think about what life was like at the time the story or event takes place.

**Historical accuracy** asks if the story told in the book or film matches the true history of an event.

**Protagonist:** the leading character or one of the major characters.

**Antagonist:** a person who actively opposes or is hostile to someone or something; an enemy of the protagonist.

**Basic plot structure:** review the visual below.



# Holocaust Film Guide

## STUDENT INTERACTIVE: HISTORICAL FICTION FILM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

### PART ONE: BEFORE VIEWING

Complete the chart about the film you will watch.

#### FILM INFORMATION

Film Title:	Date of original release:

Who is the protagonist and antagonist? Are there multiple protagonists and antagonists?	How can you tell when a work of fiction presents accurate historical facts?	What do you already know about the history shown in the film?	What questions do you have about this history?

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**PART 2: DURING VIEWING**

Record three references to historical events.

HISTORICAL EVENT	DESCRIBE WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY, AND HOW

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### PART 3: AFTER VIEWING

#### HISTORICAL FACT-CHECKING

Based on your teacher's instruction, choose one or all of the three historical references you noted while watching the film and then check for historical accuracy. Use the Timeline displayed in the classroom (or the [online version](#)) and the [Holocaust Encyclopedia](#). Additionally, you can use additional sources found in the [Museum's online collections search](#) to fact check, including artifacts, maps, primary source archival footage, and survivor testimony.

HISTORICAL EVENT	
Did you find any differences between what you saw in the film and what you learned from the primary and secondary sources ?	
What could be the reason for the differences?	
What responsibilities does the director have to represent history accurately?	