

ELA, Grade 6, Lesson 12

Teacher Packet

Independent Activity

- Write a journal from Athena's point of view.
- Explain how she felt during her day with Arachne.
- Retell this myth that we learned today from Athena's point of view.

Plot Element	Episode	How does this episode lead to the resolution?
Exposition		
Conflict		
Rising action		
Climax		
Resolution		L12-B

Elements of Plot

Rising Action

Development of the conflict; leads to the climax

Climax

Turning point of the conflict; usually the most exciting part of the story

Conflict

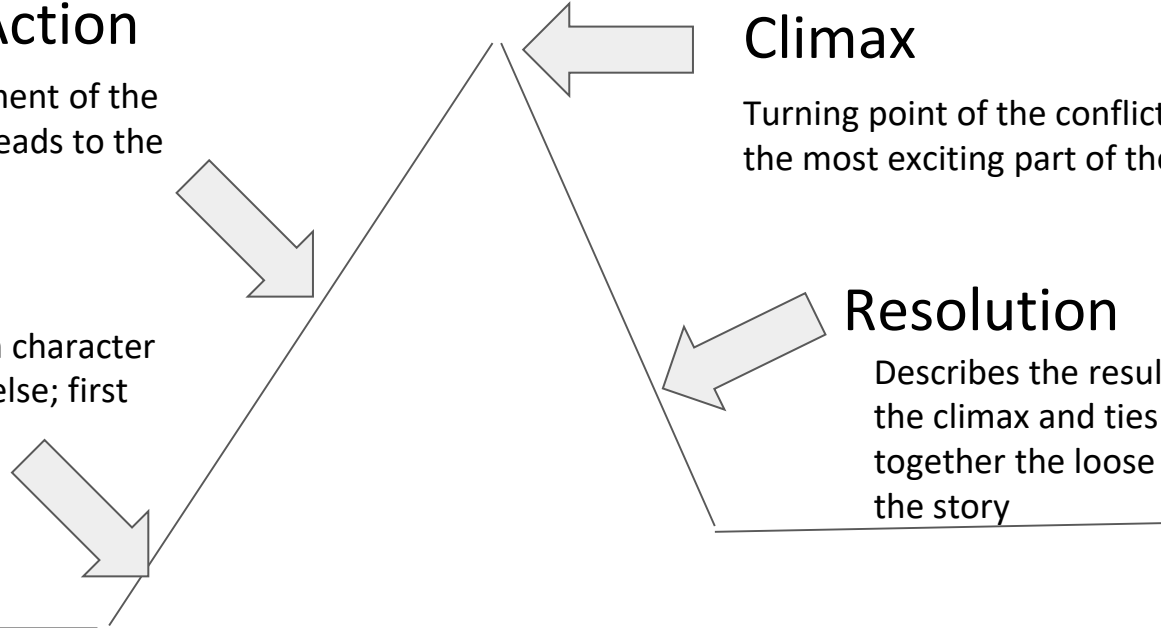
A struggle between the main character and someone or something else; first introduced in the exposition

Resolution

Describes the results of the climax and ties together the loose ends of the story

Exposition

The author reveals the main characters and setting



Our question for today is *What is the series of episodes that lead to Arachne being transformed into a spider?*

To answer the question, we'll follow these two steps:

- Reread parts of the text, recording episodes that make up the basic elements of the plot.
- Ask, “How does this episode lead to the resolution?”

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Rising action	Athena warns Arachne to be careful of her pride. Arachne doesn't listen and challenges Athena to a weaving contest.	
Climax		
Resolution		L12-G

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Resolution		

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Exposition	Athena hears of Arachne's talent and wants to see her in action.	This episode leads to the resolution because it is the beginning of the interaction of Athena and Arachne.

Plot Element	Episode	How does this episode lead to the resolution?
Conflict	Arachne wants to be a better weaver than the goddess Athena.	Without the conflict between a mortal, Arachne, and a goddess, Athena, there would not have been a story to resolve.

Plot Element	Episode	How does this episode lead to the resolution?
Rising action	Athena warns Arachne to be careful of her pride. Arachne doesn't listen and challenges Athena to a weaving contest.	This episode leads to the resolution because there is a chance for Arachne to back down from her boasting. When she doesn't, it is clear that there will be a contest.

Plot Element	Episode	How does this episode lead to the resolution?
Climax	Realizing that she is not winning the contest, Athena rips Arachne's tapestry to shreds.	This episode leads to the resolution because Athena rips up Arachne's tapestry making it clear that no matter how talented Arachne is, she cannot win a contest with a goddess.

Plot Element	Episode	How does this episode lead to the resolution?
Resolution	Athena tells Arachne her punishment, and Arachne is transformed into a spider.	Arachne loses her prideful attitude but is punished by being turned into a spider.

Independent Work

Choose one episode and write a paragraph about the importance of that episode in the overall plot. How does this episode move toward the resolution?

Use the text evidence you collected and the notes you took about the explanation in your paragraph.

Use this structure to organize your paragraph:

- An introductory sentence with the title, author, and genre (origin myth)
- 1-2 sentence summary of the story
- 3-4 sentences to explain the episode and its role in the plot
- 1 concluding sentence to end your paragraph