1. SETTING: where is this taking place (what are the details/descriptions you want to include), time (what do you want to include in order to show this), what tone/atmosphere do you want the story to start with.
   1. Introduce your characters- who is the story about, what Point of View are you writing in (first person, third person…)
   2. Is the beginning of the story engaging? Is there a hook that makes the reader want to read on? Is there more information needed?
2. CLIMAX – what is the turning point, the event that the story builds towards.
   1. What is the moral and theme of the story? What were the points/events that developed this?
3. RISING ACTION – What are some events that need to happen in order to lead to the CLIMAX? What are some choices that can help the characters develop? How does each event help BUILD your plot? If you can’t answer that, get rid of it.
4. ENDING- what is going to happen, is it going to be a cliffhanger, a happy ending, is the goal completed?
5. FALLING ACTION – what events need to happen to lead to the end?