Grade 5 English Language Arts

Week of November 30 – December 4

Lesson 2: You're the Author – Plotting Your Action

You are ready to write about the first event that happens in your story. You generally want three main events happening in your story.

In this first event, you want to show who did what, when, and why. This is the start of your rising action, and it should spark your reader's interest. It's the start of the "wild ride" of the rising action.

Plotting Your Action 1

This is the rising action where the story starts moving. What is the first event/problem in the story? How will your character react?

Plotting Your Action 2

Oh my! This is where the second big event happens. Your reader should clearly be able to see what the central conflict of your story is. The tension should be building as you get higher into your rising action.

How will your character react? This is the halfway point in your story. Make sure the main conflict is clear.

Plotting Your Action 3

Woohoo! You are at the peak of the plot! This is the climax. This is THE most exciting part of your story. Make it big and exciting. If the bomb was ticking and the time running down, this is the time where the bomb goes off! BOOM! After the climax of the story, nothing will be the same for the characters.