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Dramatic Structure Review

1. Match the literary term with the correct definition.

___ Plot	a. A key moment of change in the action. Also the moment of highest tension. In a Shakespearean tragedy, this is the moment that the tragic figure begins his decline.
___ Internal Conflict	b. The first stage of a play or story, in which characters are introduced and key background information is revealed.
___ External Conflict	c. The tragic ending in which tension is released and the hero suffers (often for an earlier choice that he made). This suffering is often compounded by the suffering of others important to the hero.
___ Exposition	d. A series of related incidents in a literary work.
___ Rising action	e. The events that follow the crisis/climax of a work of literature and build toward a resolution.
___ Turning Point/Crisis/Climax	f. A struggle between opposing forces that are outside the character's control, such other people, societal structures, etc.; the struggle is integral (and often a catalyst for) the events of a literary work.
___ Falling Action	g. The unraveling of the plot, a release of tension, an end of conflict that provides closure.
___ Catastrophe	h. The building of tension that occurs as the conflict is introduced in a work of literature. The conflict builds toward climax/crisis in this part of the play.
___ Denouement/Resolution	i. A struggle between opposing forces within a character, often involving a question of conscience, morality, emotions, etc; the struggle is integral (and often a catalyst for) the events of a literary work.