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Plot Diagram

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The plot of a story is the action that takes place in it. In most fiction, the plot follows a path: a problem arises, builds, and gets resolved. Use this graphic organizer to identify key plot elements from the fiction excerpt in this issue, *Seventh Grade* by Gary Soto, or from anything else you read.

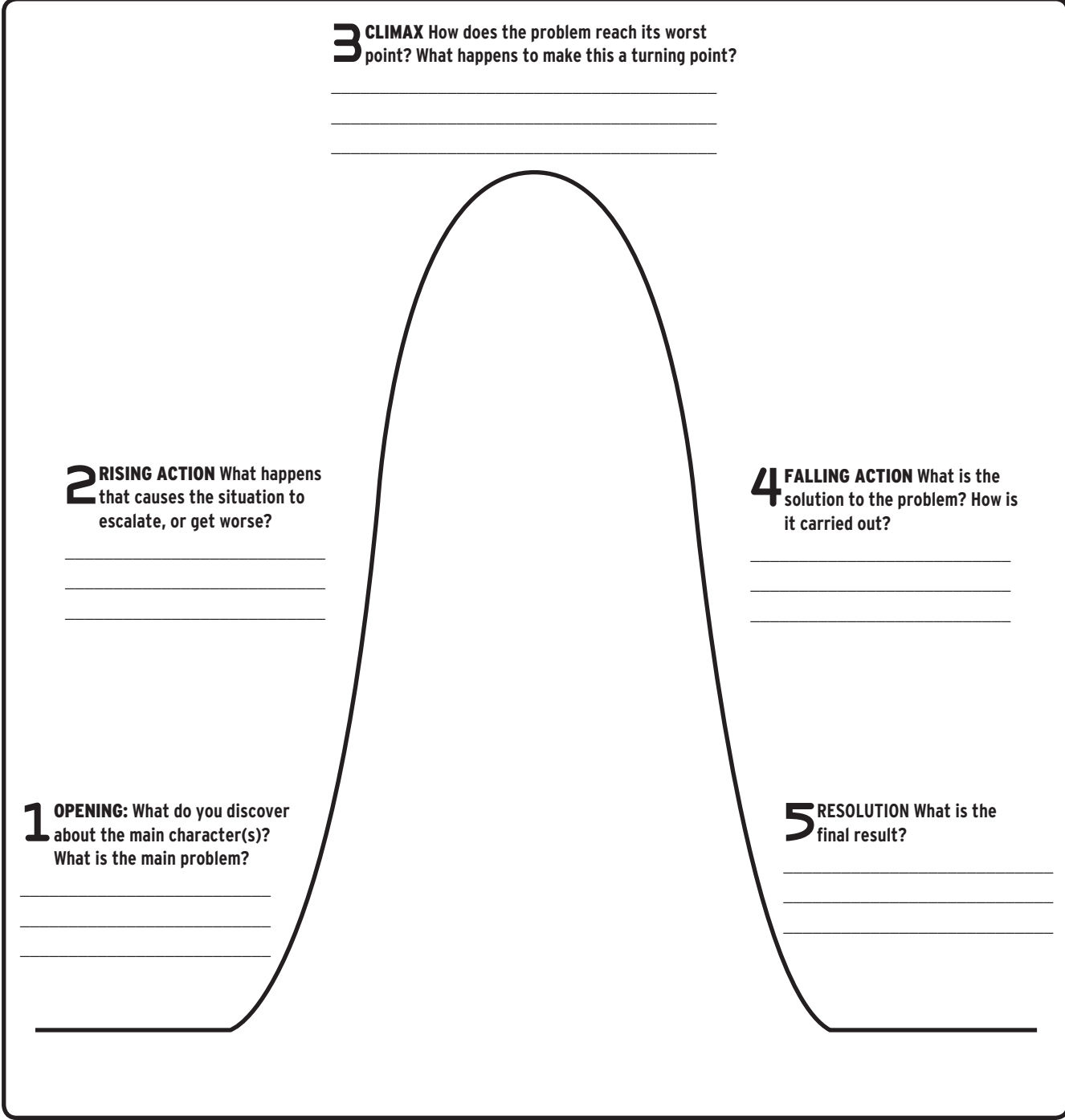
3 CLIMAX How does the problem reach its worst point? What happens to make this a turning point?

2 RISING ACTION What happens that causes the situation to escalate, or get worse?

4 FALLING ACTION What is the solution to the problem? How is it carried out?

1 OPENING: What do you discover about the main character(s)? What is the main problem?

5 RESOLUTION What is the final result?



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