

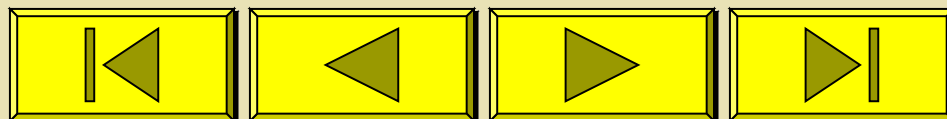
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If people weren't meant to fly,
why were we given imaginations?



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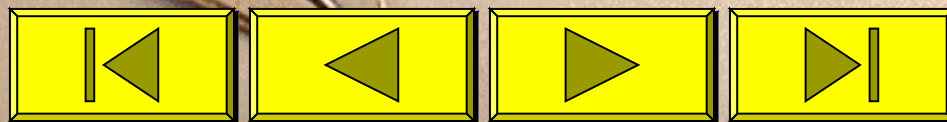




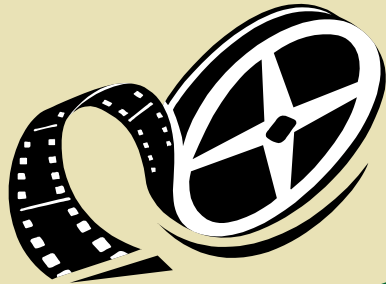
Today's topic:
**The design behind
the story.**

**There is a
writer in you!**

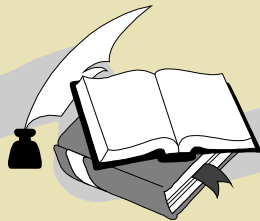
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Go to the movies?

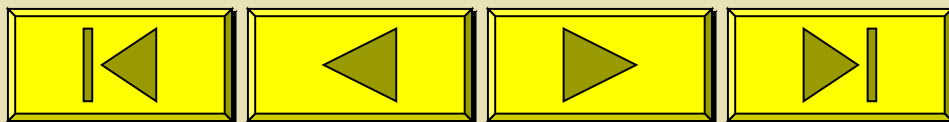


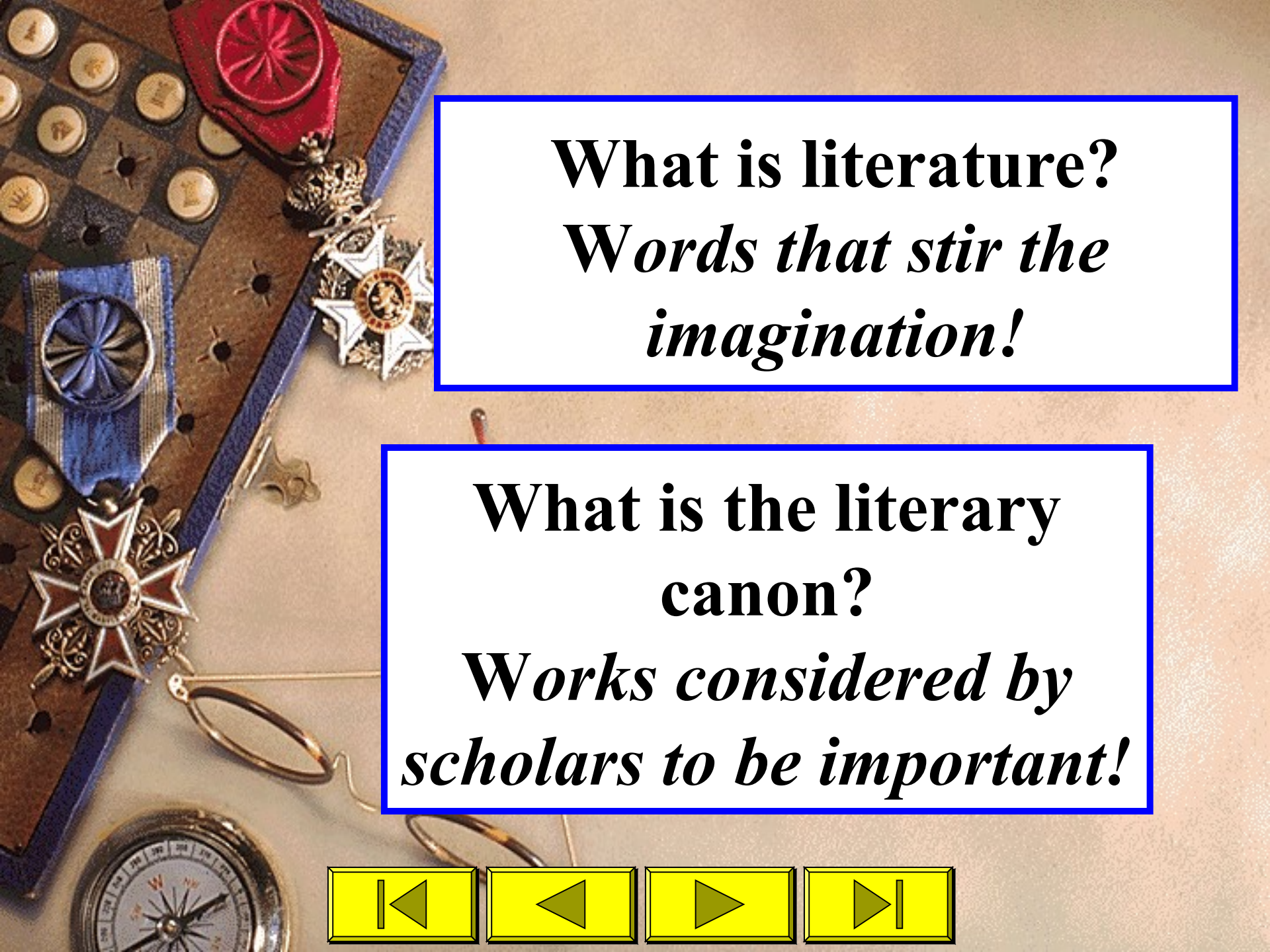
Watch television shows?



Read books or stories?

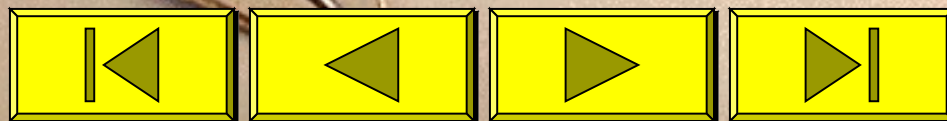
What do all these things
have in common? Stories!



A collection of historical artifacts including a chessboard, medals, a compass, and a key. The chessboard is in the top left, with several pieces. A red ribbon with a circular emblem is in the top center. A blue ribbon with a circular emblem is in the middle left. A large silver medal with a star is in the middle right. A pair of glasses is in the bottom center. A compass is in the bottom left. A key is in the bottom center.

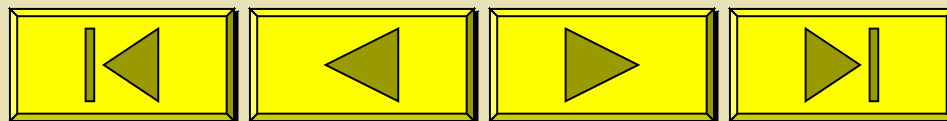
What is literature?
*Words that stir the
imagination!*

**What is the literary
canon?**
*Works considered by
scholars to be important!*



Why do people read?

- ◆ **Stories nourish our emotional lives.**
- ◆ **They let us enter new worlds.**
- ◆ **They broaden our perspectives.**
- ◆ **They help us develop thought.**
- ◆ **They help encourage new ideas.**
- ◆ **In general, stories change us!**

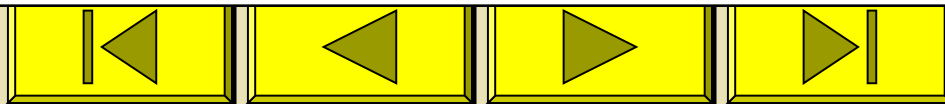


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If this story had a recipe,
what **INGREDIENTS** would
you need to make it work?

**In other words,
what makes this a story
worth reading?**



What does a story need to work?



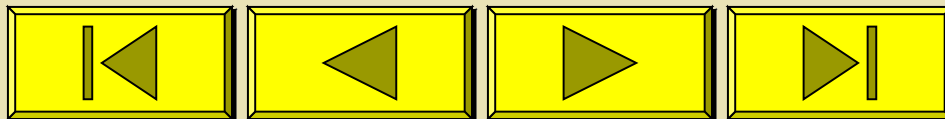
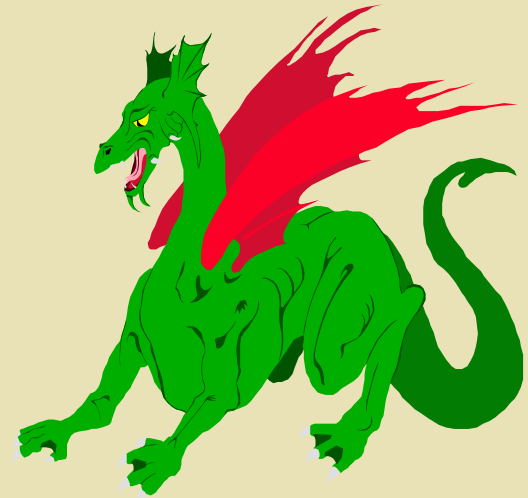
Characters.


Setting(s).

Symbolism.

Themes.

Plot. Plot?



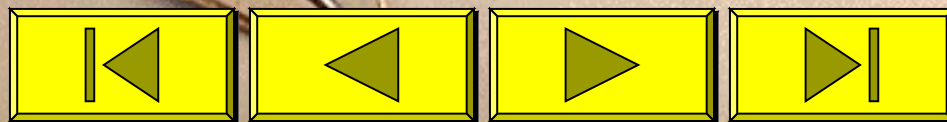
A collection of military medals and a compass on a wooden surface. The medals include a red ribbon with a circular emblem, a white star with a central emblem, and a blue ribbon with a circular emblem. A pair of glasses and a thin rod are also visible. A compass is in the bottom left corner.

Stories are not simply
thrown together.

They are designed!

Plot is defined as the
arrangement of
incidents in a story.

**A plot can be found
in any story!**

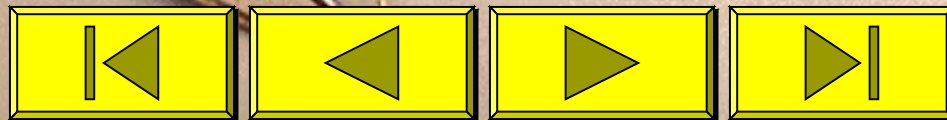


A note:

Most fiction is written to a general
right. Some books, often found next
the grocery register, are written as

Formula fiction-type
books are often called
Dime Novels!

Boy meets girl
girl gets in trouble ->
boy saves girl!



General Plot Design

Exposition

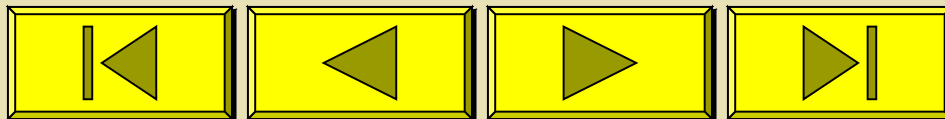
**Rising
Action**

Conflict

Climax

**Falling
Action**

Resolution

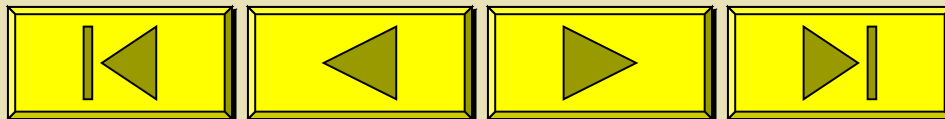


Plot Design: Exposition

Exposition:

Provides background information about character(s) and/or story.

Exposition



Plot Design: Conflict

Conflict

Conflict:

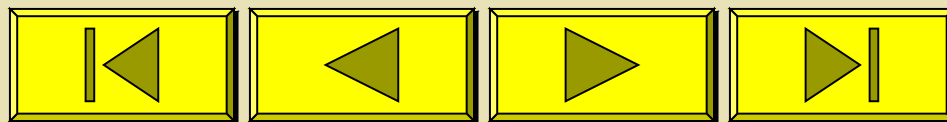
The struggle between opposing forces.

E.g. *Bill must save the girl from King Kong.*

Jimmy wants to steal the candy.

Types of Conflict

**External
(physical)**



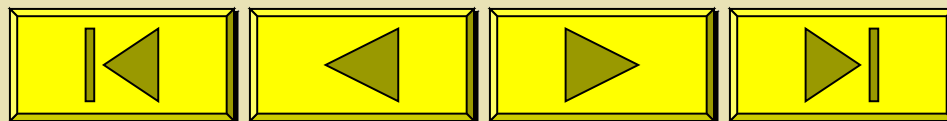
Plot Design: Climax

Climax

Climax:

The deciding moment; a turning point.

E.g. *The police and the criminal shoot at one another.*



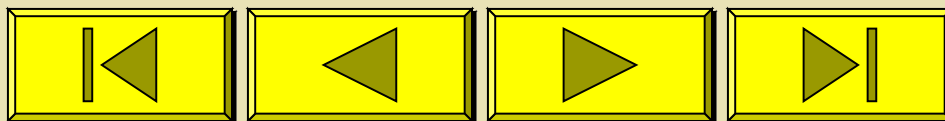
Plot Design: Resolution

Denouement/Resolution:

The result or conclusion of the plot's conflict.

E.g. *The criminal goes to jail.*

**Denouement
/ Resolution**

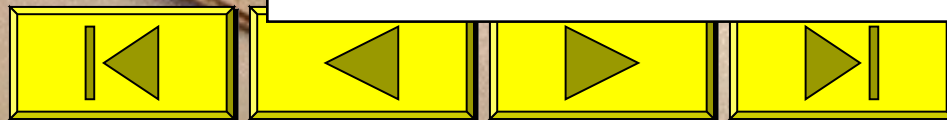



A collection of historical artifacts is displayed on a light-colored surface. In the top left, a portion of a wooden chessboard with a checkered pattern and several chess pieces is visible. Below it, a blue ribbon with a circular medallion is attached to a large, ornate silver star-shaped medal. To the right, another similar star-shaped medal is shown. In the bottom left, a round, silver compass with a needle and directional markings is visible. A pair of gold-rimmed glasses lies across the center of the items.

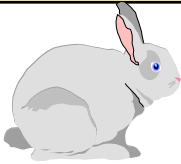
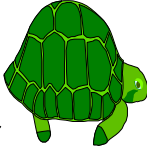
**Can you figure out
the plot of a story?**

Directions:

- 1) Read the story of the hare and the turtle.**
- 2) Identify the exposition, the conflict, the climax, and the resolution.**

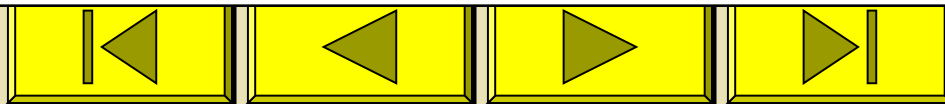


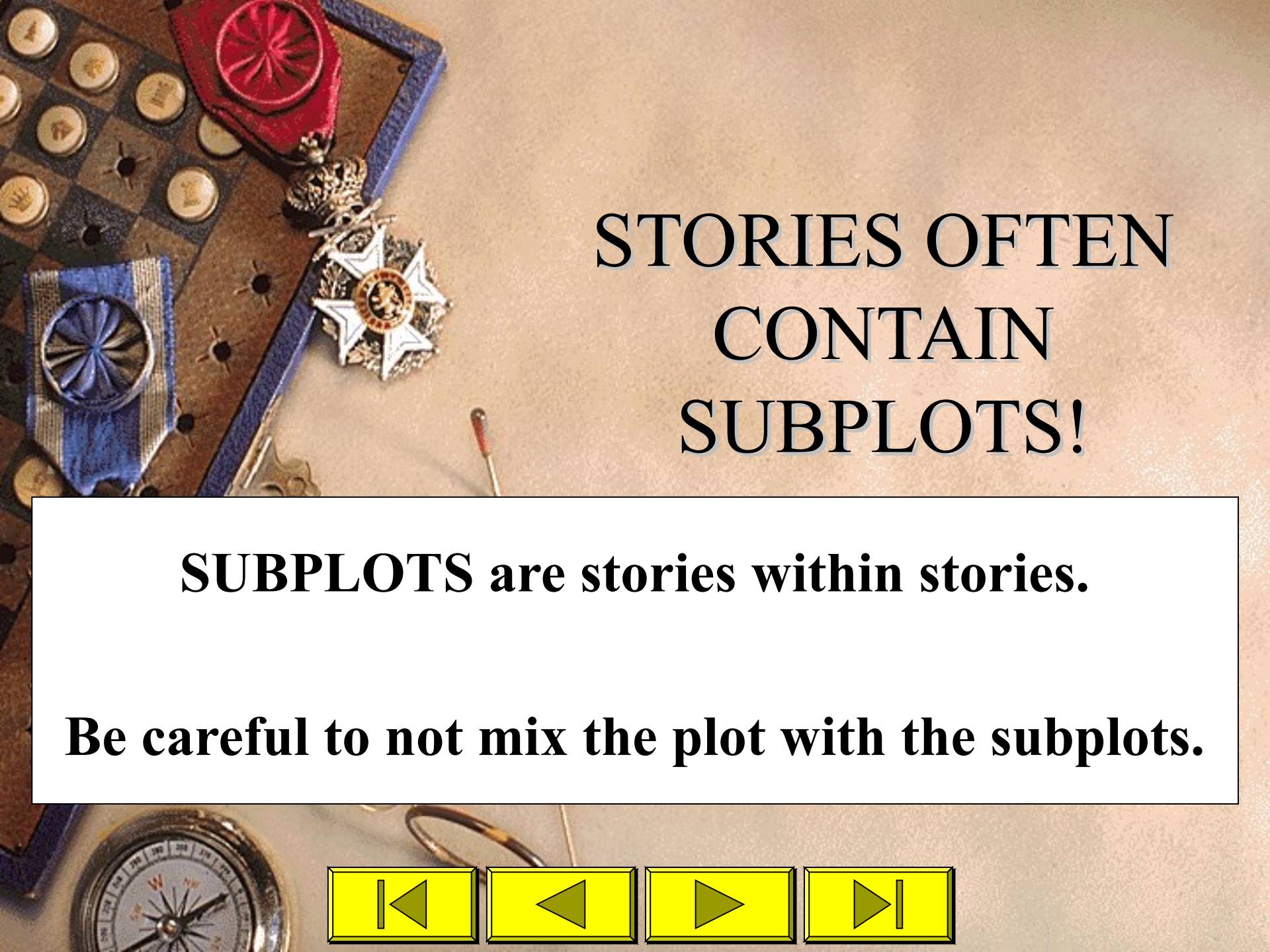


There once was a  and a . The hare ridiculed the turtle because of his short legs and slow pace. So, the turtle challenged him to a race around a mountain road.

The hare accepted and the race began. Comfortable with his speed, the hare laid down and took a nap. The turtle continued steadily on and “raced” by.

The hare awoke to the sound of the crowd congratulating the turtle for winning.

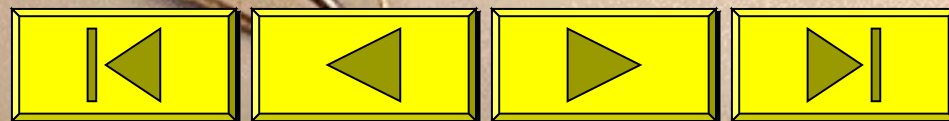


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STORIES OFTEN CONTAIN SUBPLOTS!

SUBPLOTS are stories within stories.

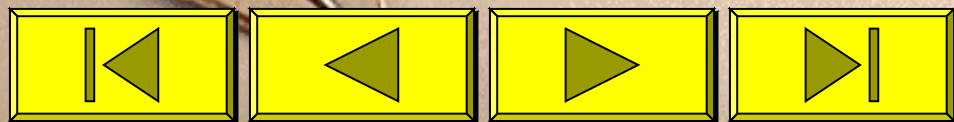
Be careful to not mix the plot with the subplots.



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Oral Quiz

What do you know?



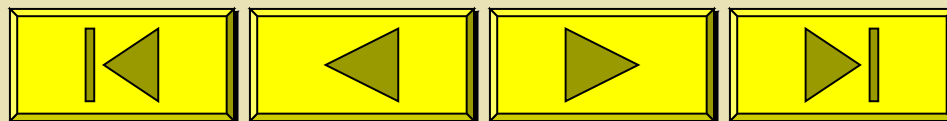
What do you know?

**What is the
exposition?**

**What is the
conflict?**

What is the climax?

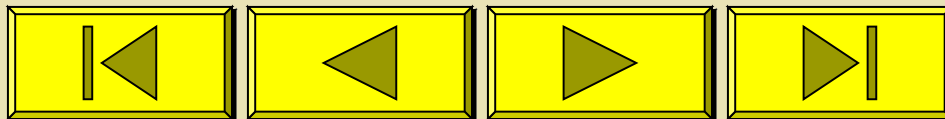
**What is the
resolution?**



A final note . . .

Stories can be set up in a variety of ways, including:

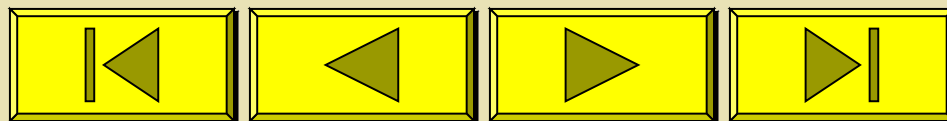
- ▶ **Chronological**
- ▢ **Flashback**
- ▢ **In media res**





For 99 percent of all novels,
conflict is the core of the plot.
Without it, there is no tension
and there's no reason to turn
the page.

-- Rita Mae Brown



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