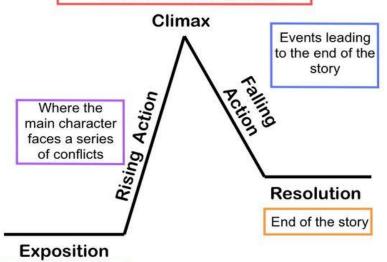
To plan your ELA PSSA narrative essay, think *inside* the boxes!

Sample narrative: Think about a time when someone did something to help others. This person could be someone you know or a character you have read about. Think about what this person did to help others. Consider what happened before, while, and after this person helped others. Write a story for your teacher about someone helping others. Consider story elements (for example, character, setting, and plot) as you develop your narrative.

NARRATIVE ESSAY: ELEMENTS

Start a new paragraph when there is a change in time, place, speaker, or action.

The most exciting part of the story; When we learn the outcome



• Immediately jump into the action

Beginning of the story where

characters and setting are introduced

Plot Diagram

The Dirty Dozen

AVOID . . . Errors in Academic Form

- 1. The pronoun *I* including but not limited to: "I feel," "I believe," "I think"
- 2. The pronoun you in any shape or form
- 3. Contractions
- 4. Questions???? and Exclamations!!!!
- 5. Absolutes: *never* or *always*
- 6. "In my opinion"
- 7. "Like I said before"
- 8. "I will tell you" or "This is about"
- 9. "Due to the fact of"
- 10. "To start with" or "To begin with"
- 11. "Another example/reason/thing is that"
- 12. "The end"