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Plot / Plot Diagram Assessment

DIRECTIONS: Read each term on the left and match it to its appropriate definition by writing the correct letter on the dotted lines.

1. Rising Action

2. Exposition

3. Resolution

4. Falling Action

5. Climax

A. The beginning of a story. Usually the main characters, setting, and conflict are introduced.

B. The turning point in the story. Something happens that changes the course of the story.

C. Events begin to unravel and fall back into place.

D. Tension builds up. The conflict gets more complex.

E. The end of a story. The conflict is resolved

DIRECTIONS: The story below is jumbled up. Order the story by writing the correct plot term in the blank square. The first one has been done for you.

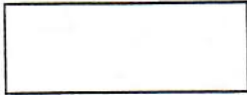
Climax

• Suddenly, he notices another school bus turning up the road and stops in front of his bus. Ms. Thomas tells the students to hurry up and go to the next bus. Joseph can't believe it...he could still make it to school on time!

• He opens the door to his classroom and Derek Jeter himself smiles at him. Mr. Martinez looks at Joseph in a relieved manner. Joseph quietly takes his seat and whispers to himself "I made it!"

• "This can't be happening," thought Joseph. The bus driver, Ms. Thomas, shakes her head as she tries to think of a solution. It's 7:00 and they only have 1 hour before school starts. His teacher told him that if he was late to school, he would not be able to attend the presentation. Joseph starts sweating bullets; he had even purchased Jeter's baseball card so that Jeter could autograph it!

• Joseph can't wait to go to school today; Derek Jeter, the world-famous baseball player will be visiting his 7th grade class for Career Day. As he daydreams of his soon-to-be wonderful day, suddenly, the school bus comes to a screeching halt. Oh no! There are two flat tires!



- The other school bus driver asks the children to buckle their seatbelts and off they go. The bus arrives at school at exactly 7:57. Joseph quickly hurries off the bus, trying not to shove the other students.

DIRECTIONS: Complete the blank plot diagram below by writing the appropriate term from the word bank in the corresponding area of the diagram.

Rising Action	Exposition	Resolution	Falling Action	Climax
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