What makes a story worth telling? What elements are needed to make a story great?

**Ex: Plot Conflict:**

- **External:** A struggle created opposing forces.
- **Internal:** A struggle that takes place within a character's mind, as he or she wrestles with difficult thoughts, feelings, or choices.

**Stages of Plot:**

- **Exposition:** Introduction to characters, background info.
- **Rising Action:** Conflict leading to climax.
- **Climax:** Most exciting, best part of story, turning point.
- **Falling Action:** Less conflict, leading to resolution.
- **Resolution:** Solution, ending, wrapping up the story.

**Ex. of external:** Character vs. Nature, character vs. Society, character vs. Self.

**Ex. of internal:** Character's thoughts, feelings, desires.

**Questions:**

- What is the conflict?
- What is the resolution?