

Week 3: Structure

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Activities

- Reading discussion
- Warm-up exercise
- Thesis discussion and mapping exercise
- Workshop your final project

Readings

- What did you think?
- What was your favorite?
- Questions?



Warm-up

“Write down all of the things that have arrested your attention lately... Set them next to each other. See what happens.”

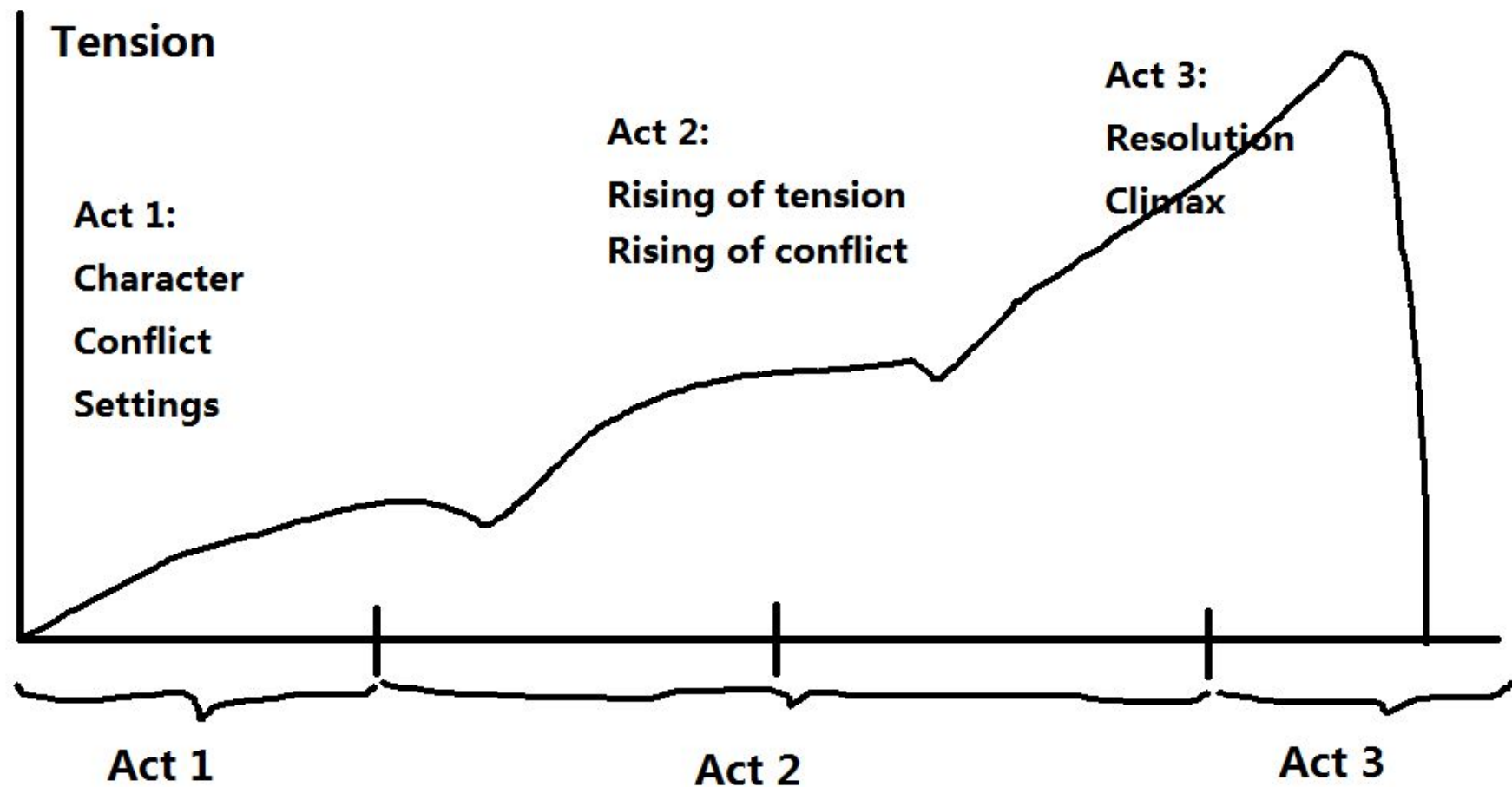
Pam Houston, “Corn Maze”

Write three glimmers:

- Last 24 hours
- Last 10 years
- Anytime

Narrative structure

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Common structures

- Sequential order
- Compare and contrast
- Problem and solution
- Cause and effect
- Description or list
- Three acts
- Manipulating time
- Circular narrative
- Parallel or braided narratives
- Collage

“Clear writing is clear
thinking.”

Michael Earl Craig

Thesis discussion

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What is a thesis?

Look at past projects.

List out the elements. Find common threads.

Draft an outline or a checklist together.

Break

Workshop



Questions?

See you next week.

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