Narrative Writing Planning Template

Exposition: Setting the scene and the atmosphere – Top Tip: use lots of descriptive language and give a sense of characterisation through narrative voice.
Rising action: Introduce the build up to the main event or the problem/issue that needs to be overcome – Top Tip: use descriptive language to show how your character feels about the main event or problem/issue.
Climax: The main event happens – the problem/issue happens, or is overcome – Top Tip: this is where the drama/ tension/excitement should be at its highest, so consider how you can use vocabulary choices to show this.
Falling action: What happens as a result of the climax? How does it impact on your character? Top Tip — use language to explore the effect this has on your character.
Resolution: How does the story resolve? Is it a happy or a sad ending? Do you end on a cliff hanger? Do you want to finish with a state of mystery? Top Tip — consider how you want you reader (and character) to feel at the end of the story.