

MOVIE STRUCTURE & PLOT

ACT 1. STARTING EVENT & EXPOSITION: Something different from the everyday happens. We learn about the Main Character's world and what he/she wants.

EXAMPLE: Nemo from *Finding Nemo* goes to school for the first time. We meet his Dad and friends. And we see where he lives in the reef.

ACT 2. COMPLICATIONS: Uh Oh! Something happens that gets the Main Character into trouble. We watch as he/she/they struggles to reach their goal.

EXAMPLE: Nemo touches the boat. He gets caught by a scuba diver and is put in a dentist's fish tank. He keeps trying to escape to get home to his Dad.

ACT 3. CRISIS & RESOLUTION: The Main Character reaches the toughest point in the story. They succeed or fail in their quest and we see how the story ends.

EXAMPLE: Nemo finally succeeds in escaping! Thanks to Dory, he finds his Dad and the two of them rescue Dory and other fish from a net.