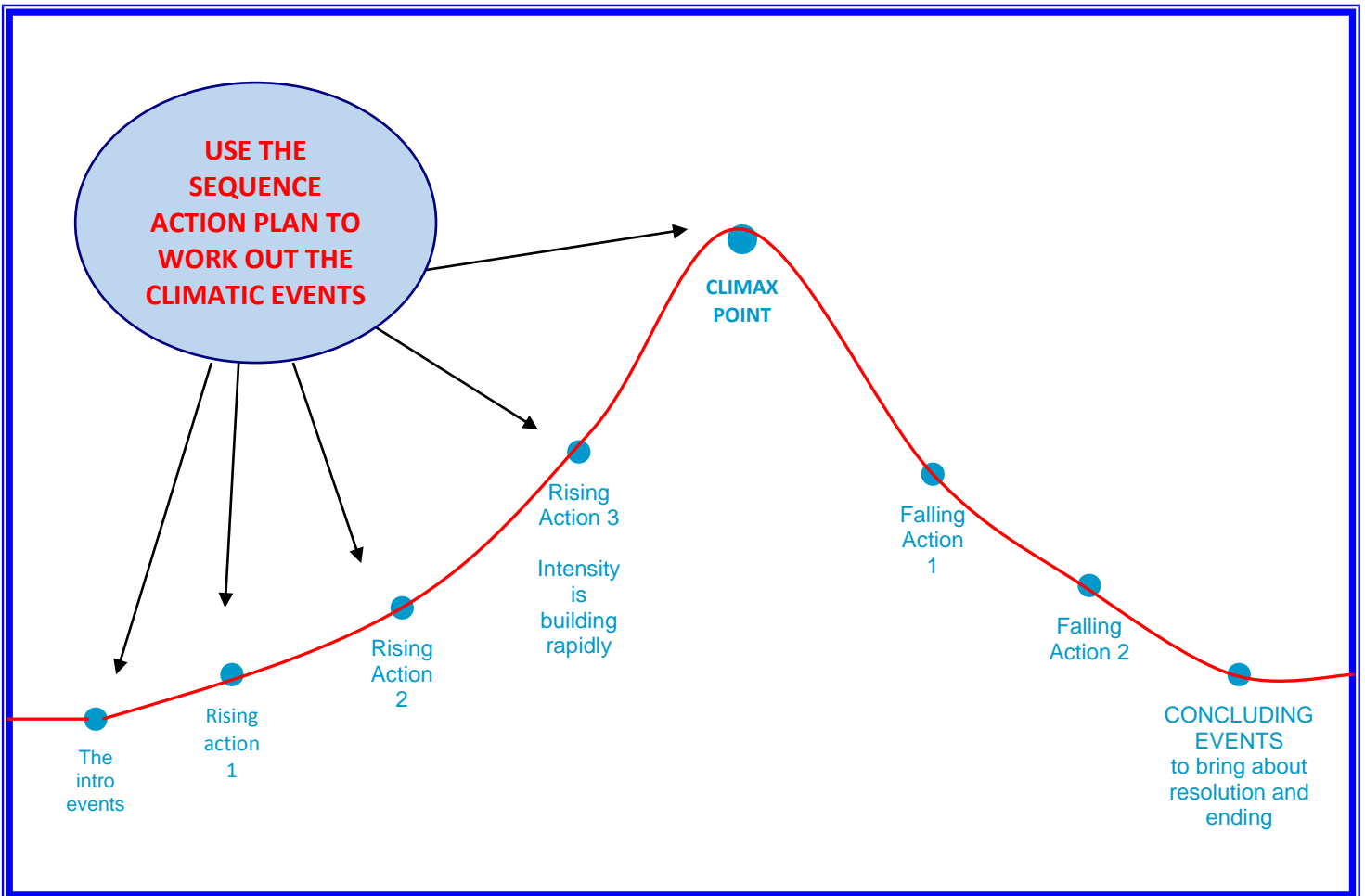


PLOT THE ACTION

PLANNING THE STORY TIMELINE



NOTE: This graph is only intended to be an example. Each story timeline will vary according to how the writer decides to sequence the events. The graph points will change according to individual stories.

Plotting the storyline will help you test the logical interplay of events. It will also allow you to see how much time you need to spend of each section of the story.

New writers often find they spend too much time on the introduction and rising action, and then run out of time to focus on the primary story climax points. It is important to bring the story to a realistic conclusion and this takes time. Don't leave the reader stranded. Provide sufficient information to bring about a final resolution, even if you want to leave the reader wondering about an important aspect of the story.