Narrative Writing Diamond

Entertaining
BEGINNING

ELABORATIVE DETAIL
Story Critical Characters,
Setting, Object

SUSPENSE
or anticipation leading to the main event

THE MAIN EVENT
Show action in slow motion, frame by frame,
stretch it out! Include description and main
character's thoughts and feelings!

Action leading to
SOLUTION of problem or
CONCLUSION of adventure.

EXTENDED ENDING
Memory, Decision,
Feeling,
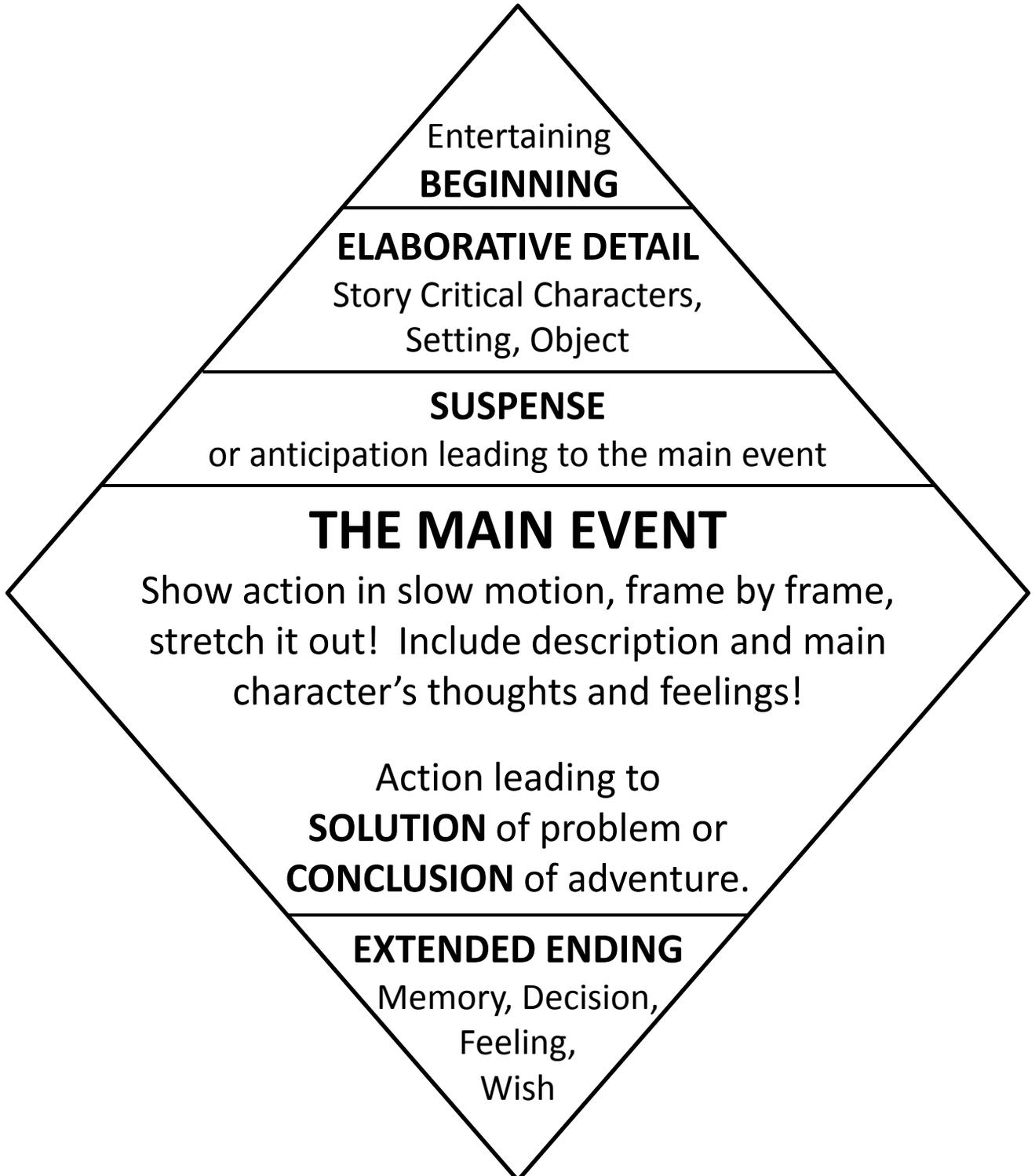Wish

Narrative Summarizing Framework

(Character/Problem Solution and Personal Experience)

(Character)

This story is about _____

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_____

(Main Event)

The problem, adventure, or experience
was that _____

_____

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The problem was solved/adventure,
experience concluded when _____

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FLIP
the Sentence

She had / curly, black hair.

Curly black hair tumbled over her shoulders.

It is fun / to flip in the air.

Flipping in the air is fun.

Cooking up a Good Beginning

- **Dialogue**
- **Thought or Question**
- **Sound**
- **Action**

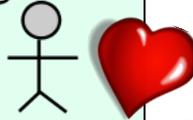# Main Event

Don't Summarize! Make a Scene!

Fully elaborated main events are made up of a balance of:

Action

Description

Thoughts and Feelings

Dialogue and Exclamation

Sound Effect

Extended Endings

A Memory:
What did you remember most?

Feelings:
How did you feel about what happened?

Wish or Hope:
What would you wish or hope?

Defining Action:
What did you do?

Decision:
What did you decide?