Questions for Plot Analysis

APE Literature and Composition

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1. Does the plot conform to a formula? Is it like those of any other stories you have read? Did you find it predictable?
2. What is the source and nature of the conflict for the protagonist? Was your major interest in the story based on what happens next or on some other concern?
3. Is the story told chronologically? If not, in what order are its events told, and what is the effect of that order on your response to the action?
4. What does the exposition reveal? Are flashbacks used? Did you see any foreshadowings? Where is the climax?
5. Is the conflict resolved at the end? Would you characterize the ending as happy, unhappy, or somewhere in between? Why?
6. Is the plot unified? Is each incident somehow related to some other element in the story?