*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone* Sample Plot Structure (Freytag’s Pyramid)

Rising Action:

* Harry discovers that the mysterious package from Gringott’s is now at Hogwarts.
* Harry Potter and friends come up with their own plan to save the stone and set it into motion. Hermione realizes there is a trapdoor under the guard dog in the third-floor corridor.

Climax:

Harry Potter’s confrontation with Professor Quirrell, who is being controlled by Lord Voldemort, is the climax of the story because it is an action intense battle in the novel and the reader now knows who has taken the stone. Harry realizes that Voldemort is trying to make a comeback and wants to destroy him. Harry prevents Voldemort from stealing the Sorcerer’s Stone.

Falling Action:

* Dumbledore destroys the Sorcerer’s Stone.
* Harry discovers that it was his mother’s love that protected him from Voldemort during their battle.

Exposition: **Harry Potter** is the main character.

Important minor characters are Ronald Weasley and Hermione Granger.

* Setting Time = Current/Modern, over the course of a school year.
* Setting Place= England and Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Resolution:

* Gryffindor wins the house cup.
* The reader understands that Voldemort is going to be a continued threat to Harry and the Wizard community.
* Harry returns to the Dursley’s for the summer.

*Directions:*

Fill in each box with a description of events for each part of the plot. Be sure to use detail when needed. List two events for both Rising and Falling Action.

Inciting Incident:

* Harry Potter gets the letter from Hogwarts telling him that he is a wizard and he is to come to Hogwarts for the new school year.

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One concept that I will take away from *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone* is that when a person faces a challenge, it is best to seek help from others instead of try to tackle it alone. Although he is famous for his past, Harry finds that in order to be successful at Hogwarts, he needs a lot of help from his friends. He could have never discovered how to stop Voldemort from stealing the sorcerer’s stone without the help of Ron and Hermione. Ron’s knowledge of the wizarding world allowed him to help harry figure out the mystery and work his way through the challenges that rose before him. Hermione was also a valuable part of the team, as she provided the spell-work and cleverness that allowed Harry to survive Quirell’s attacks and eventually face him, and Voldemort, in order to save the sorcerer’s stone and the entire wizarding world.

I would definitely recommend this novel to anyone nine and older. Although the protagonist is young, the storyline is thrilling and exciting enough to draw in even older audiences. There are, however, a few scenes that might be too scary or disturbing for younger readers. Due to the fact that this story is told in a way that allows us to know all of Harry’s thoughts and feelings, it is easy to connect to him and learn with him as he discovers more and more about the magical world. This is an excellent book for anyone who enjoys a good magical adventure story with likeable characters and an exciting plotline. This book should certainly stay on the summer reading list because it has the power to appeal to so many different audiences.