Tragedy Plot Structure – Romeo and Juliet

**Exposition**
- Feuding street fight between Capulet and Montague Families
- Romeo SAD Rosaline is not interested in him
- Juliet told to marry Paris (an older man)

**Inciting Force**
- Romeo and Juliet meet at the Capulet Masquerade party

**Rising Action**
- Romeo and Juliet profess their love during balcony scene
- Romeo and Juliet MARRY
- Romeo runs in Tybalt

**Climax**
- Romeo KILLS Tybalt

**Falling Action**
- Romeo learns of Juliet’s death
- Romeo buys illegal poison from the Apothecary

**Moment of Final Suspense**
(Things may work out)
- Romeo notices that Juliet is unchanged in death

**Catastrophe**
- Romeo and Juliet BOTH DIE and the feud ends