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The Five Major Plot Points

I'm so excited you downloaded the Five Major Plot Points chart freebie!

Here are a few tips on how to use this resource:

- **You can use this at any point in the writing process.** I've used this somewhere between the second and third revision of a novel. It helped me identify the major moments of the plot and what I was missing. I've also used this when planning a new novel, and that helped me brainstorm ideas for the plot.
- **Focus on your major plotline first.** It's easy to get sidetracked and overwhelmed by how many storylines are unfolding, but take one at a time. Eventually you can expand each chapter to identify how each plot moves along.
- **Keep this in an easy-access place.** I printed it out and taped it into the primary notebook I was using. I loved being able to refer to it whenever I needed to.
- **Read like a writer: use this chart to analyze compelling stories.** If these terms are new to you, try to pinpoint each one in your favorite story, and you'll see how they work together to develop the plot.

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Plot/Beat	Major Storyline	Minor Storylines/Subplots
1. Beginning Image <i>(How does our character's story begin?)</i>		
2. Inciting Incident <i>(Our character's story has taken off: something that changes for the character!)</i>		
3. Midpoint <i>(The story reverses itself, based on new information or changes. The stakes have increased or a major twist has occurred.)</i>		
4. Darkest Night <i>(The character has lost everything; this is their lowest point.)</i>		
5. Resolution <i>(How does it all tie together?)</i>		