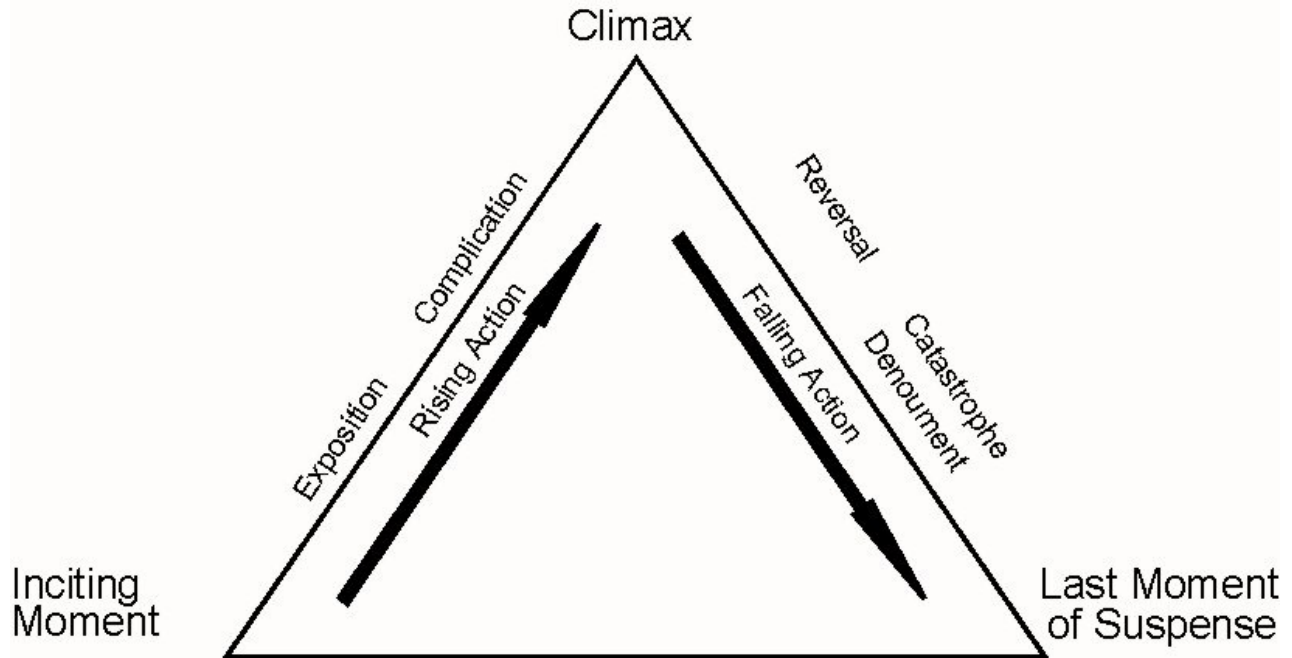


## Freytag's Pyramid

According to Gustav Freytag, a drama is divided into five parts, or acts:



- \* exposition
- \* rising action
- \* climax (or turning point)
- \* falling action
- \* dénouement (comedy) or catastrophe (tragedy)

**Anaphora:** emphasizing words by repeating them at the beginnings of neighboring clauses. In contrast, an epistrophe (or epiphora) is repeating words at the clauses' ends.

We shall not flag or fail. We shall go on to the end. We shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills. We shall never surrender.

— Winston Churchill

I fled Him down the nights and down the days;  
I fled Him, down the arches of the years;  
I fled Him, down the labyrinthine ways  
Of my own mind

— Francis Thompson, *The Hound of Heaven*

What the hammer? what the chain?  
In what furnace was thy brain?  
What the anvil? what dread grasp  
Dare its deadly terrors clasp?

— William Blake, *The Tyger*

**Asyndeton** (from the Greek: ἀσύνδετον, "unconnected") is a stylistic scheme in which conjunctions are deliberately omitted from a series of related clauses. Examples are *veni, vidi, vici* and its English translation "I came, I saw, I conquered." Its use can have the effect of speeding up the rhythm of a passage and making a single idea more memorable. More generally, in grammar, an asyndetic coordination is a type of coordination in which no coordinating conjunction is present between the conjuncts.

Several notable examples can be found in American political speeches:

"...and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."  
Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address

"...that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty." John F. Kennedy Inaugural Address, January 20, 1961.

Another frequently used, extended example, is Winston Churchill's address, "We shall fight on the beaches":

"We shall go on to the end, we shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our Island, whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender. . . "

**Polysyndeton** is shown in John-Keat's poem, where the *ands* are repeating...

And soon it lightly dipt, and rose, and sank,  
And dipt again, with the young couple's weight

Anadiplosis are these...

"When I give I give myself."  
(Walt Whitman)

"Our doubt is our passion, and our passion is our task."  
(Henry James)

"All service ranks the same with God,  
With God, whose puppets, best and worst,  
Are we."  
(Robert Browning, Pippa Passes)

"The years to come seemed waste of breath,  
waste of breath the years behind."  
(William Butler Yeats, "An Irish Airman Foresees his Death,")

"The land of my fathers. My fathers can have it."  
(Dylan Thomas on Wales)

"I am Sam, Sam I am."  
(Dr.Seuss, Green Eggs and Ham)

"Fear is the path to the dark side. Fear leads to anger. Anger leads to hate. Hate leads to suffering. I sense much fear in you."  
(Frank Oz as Yoda in Star Wars Episode 1: The Phantom Menace)

**Metonymy** is a figure of speech used in rhetoric in which a thing or concept is not called by its own name, but by the name of something intimately associated with that thing or concept.

Metonymy may be instructively contrasted with metaphor. Both figures involve the substitution of one term for another. In metaphor, this substitution is based on similarity, while in metonymy, the substitution is based on contiguity.

Metaphor example: That man is a pig (using pig instead of unhygienic person. An unhygienic person is like a pig, but there is no contiguity between the two).

Metonymy example: The White House supports the bill (using The White House instead of the President. The President is not like The White House, but there is contiguity between them).