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# Tragedy

A tragedy is a type of story in which the protagonist meets an unfortunate end. Sometimes, the protagonist of a tragedy suffers as a result of their own character flaw. The protagonist can also be a victim of fate. The reversal of circumstances or turning point in a tragic story is called peripety.

Tragedy is the opposite of comedy. The traditional intention of tragedy was to bring about catharsis, or a "pain [that] awakens pleasure," in the audience. Catharsis is the process of releasing, and thereby experiencing relief from, strong or repressed emotions.

**DIRECTIONS:** Read or watch the story. Answer the questions.

1. Who is the protagonist? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is the cause of the protagonist's suffering?

their own character flaw

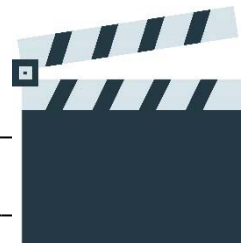
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3. What is the peripety in this story?

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4. How do things end for the protagonist?

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