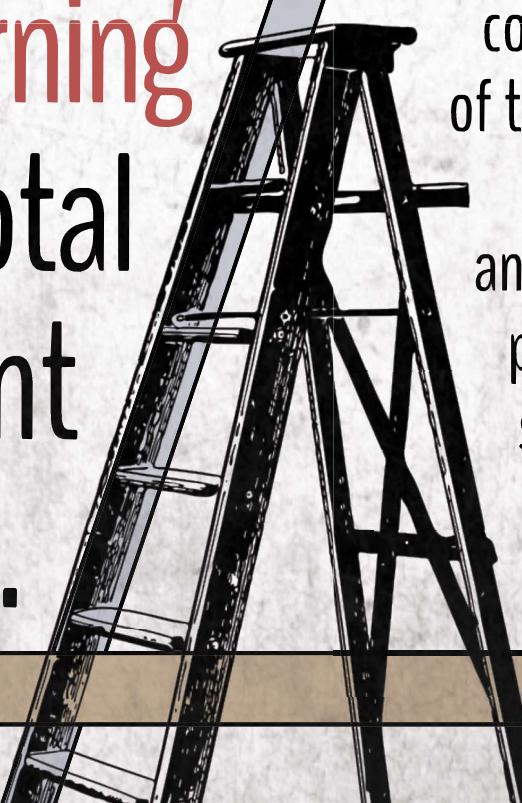


The word 'climax' comes from the Greek term meaning 'a ladder':

CLIMAX

The climax is the most exciting, intense, or thrilling point in a literary work. It is often a **turning point** or pivotal moment in a story.



The climax is often the high point of a novel, play or film, which marks the beginning of the conclusion. Most of the action builds up to this point, and then from this point the plot starts to resolve and conclude.