

inciting incident *(in-cit-ing-in-ci-dent)*

Definition

n. An event or decision that begins a story's problem and sets the main plot into motion.

Example Sentence

The **inciting incident** in the story was when the protagonist received a mysterious letter.

More Example Sentences

An unexpected phone call served as the **inciting incident** that changed her life forever.

Synonyms

trigger event; catalyst; spark

Antonyms

resolution; conclusion; ending

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