



STORY ELEMENTS

GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

Read a story. Then fill in each part of the story below.



1. CHARACTERS

Who is in the story?



2. SETTING

Where and when does the story take place?



3. PROBLEM

What is the problem in the story?



4. SOLUTION

How is the problem solved?



5. MAIN EVENTS

List the important events in order.

1



2



3



4



5



THINK & SHARE!

Which part of the story was your favorite? Why?



Name: _____

Date: _____

Characters & Traits

Who is in the story, and what are they like?

1

Name the main character.



Main character: _____

What does the character want?

2

Choose two character traits.

kind

brave

helpful

curious

honest

patient

funny

determined

3

Prove it with story evidence.

Trait 1: _____

Evidence from the story:

Trait 2: _____

Evidence from the story:

4

Draw the character doing something important.

Strong readers notice what characters say and do!

Name: _____

Date: _____

Setting

Where and when does the story happen?

1

Where does the story take place?



2

When does the story take place?

morning

afternoon

night

past

present

future

3

What clues help you know the setting?

I know because the story says/shows...

4

Draw the setting.

The setting affects the story because...

Setting tells us where and when!

Problem & Solution

What goes wrong, and how is it fixed?



PROBLEM

What happens?



HOW DOES THE CHARACTER RESPOND?

SOLUTION

How is the problem solved?

4

Connect it.

The solution worked because _____

Another possible solution could be _____

Problems drive the story forward!

4

Name: _____

Date: _____

Beginning • Middle • End

Retell the story in order.

BEGINNING

Who? Where? What starts the story?

Draw

MIDDLE

What important events happen?

Draw

END

How does the story finish?

Draw

Retell the story from beginning to end!

Name: _____

Date: _____

Sequence of Events

Put the important story events in order.

1

First, next, then, after that, finally.

1

FIRST

2

NEXT

3

THEN

4

AFTER THAT

5

FINALLY

2

Which event was most important? Why?

Good readers track events in order!

6

Name: _____

Date: _____

Character Feelings & Evidence

How do characters feel, and what proves it?

1 Choose the character.

Character: _____



2 How does the character feel?

happy

sad

worried

excited

angry

proud

scared

calm

3 What happened to make the character feel this way?

4 Evidence from the story.

The text says/shows:

5 How did the feeling change from beginning to end?

Use story details as evidence!

Name: _____

Date: _____

Story Details Detective

Find details that prove your thinking.

1

What is your idea about the story?

2

Find three details from the story.

1

Detail from the story:

2

Detail from the story:

3

Detail from the story:

3

What do these details help you understand?

Details help readers explain their thinking!

Name: _____

Date: _____

Story Summary Planner

Use the most important parts to write a strong summary.

SOMEBODY

Who is the main character?

WANTED

What did the character want?

BUT

What problem got in the way?

SO

What did the character do?

THEN

How did it end?

6

Write your summary.

Keep only the most important story parts!

9

Name: _____

Date: _____

Review & Celebrate!

Show what you know about story elements.

1

Match each story element to its question.

Characters



Who is in the story?

Setting



Where and when?

Problem



What goes wrong?

Solution



How is it solved?

2

Circle the best answer.

The setting tells us...

where/when

the problem

the solution

The problem is...

what goes wrong

who is in the story

where it happens

A summary should include...

important events

every tiny detail

only the title

3

I can explain story elements!

☐ characters

☐ setting

☐ problem

☐ solution

☐ events

☐ summary

You are a STORY STAR — great work!