Comprehension | Story Elements

COM-24 Story Mapping

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Students learn about narrative plot structure by identifying and mapping the major structural features of a story.

MATERIALS: *Narrative text, story maps, pencils/markers*

❶ Create a story map on chart paper or overhead projector.

❷ After reading or hearing a text read aloud, complete the story map as a group.
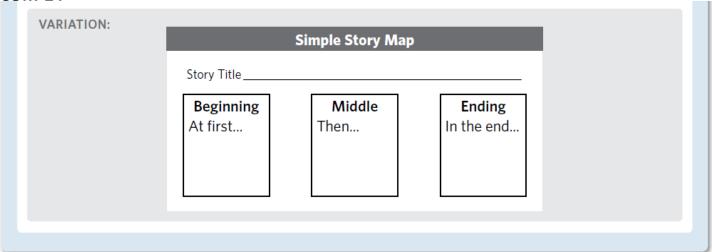
❸ After participating in whole group story mapping, students complete their own maps working in pairs or individually, either on the same text or different texts.

❹ Students share and discuss their completed story maps.

EXAMPLE:

Story Map

Story Title _____

Characters _____

Setting _____

When _____

Where _____

Problem _____

Major Events

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

Story Outcome _____

_____

Theme _____

_____

VARIATION:

Simple Story Map

Story Title _____

Beginning	Middle	Ending
At first…	Then…	In the end…

PREPARATION OF MATERIALS: Print the Story Map on page 3. Provide each student or student pair with narrative text and a map. Follow the activity directions.

Less Challenging: Students complete the Simple Story Map on page 4 or 5.

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_____

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_____

Simple Story Map 1

Story Title _____

Beginning	Middle	Ending
At first ...	Then ...	In the end ...

Simple Story Map 2

Story Title _____

Who?	
What?	
When?	
Where?	
Why?	