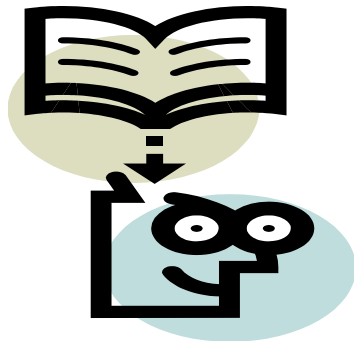


STORY ELEMENTS CONCEPT MAP



Essential Questions

- WHAT ARE STORY ELEMENTS?
- HOW DO STORY ELEMENTS HELP YOU TO UNDERSTAND A TEXT?

Learning Intention / Overview

Every good story is written around what is called Story Elements. These elements are interlocked and guide the story from the beginning to the end. Students will identify the 5 story elements; character, setting, plot, conflict, and theme from the chapter book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Ronald Dahl. Identifying story elements are useful in assisting readers in building an understanding of the text.

Methods / Teaching Strategies

- Oral Discussion
- Personalized Learning
- Locating Key Details in a Text

Assessment of Learning

- Graphic Organizer: Story Elements Concept Map (provided)

How might you customize or alter this lesson?

Key Learning Areas

Reading
Comprehension

Concepts Taught

Story Elements

Target Age

9 – 10 Year Olds

Duration

1 x 60 minute Session

You will need:

STORY ELEMENTS
CONCEPT MAP

CHARLIE AND THE
CHOCOLATE FACTORY
BOOK



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Online Resources:

- <http://edgalaxy.com/education-quotes>
- <http://edgalaxy.com/classroom-posters-charts/2013/9/10/14-educational-quotes-posters>
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPnYfwI_Ow84

Teaching Instructions

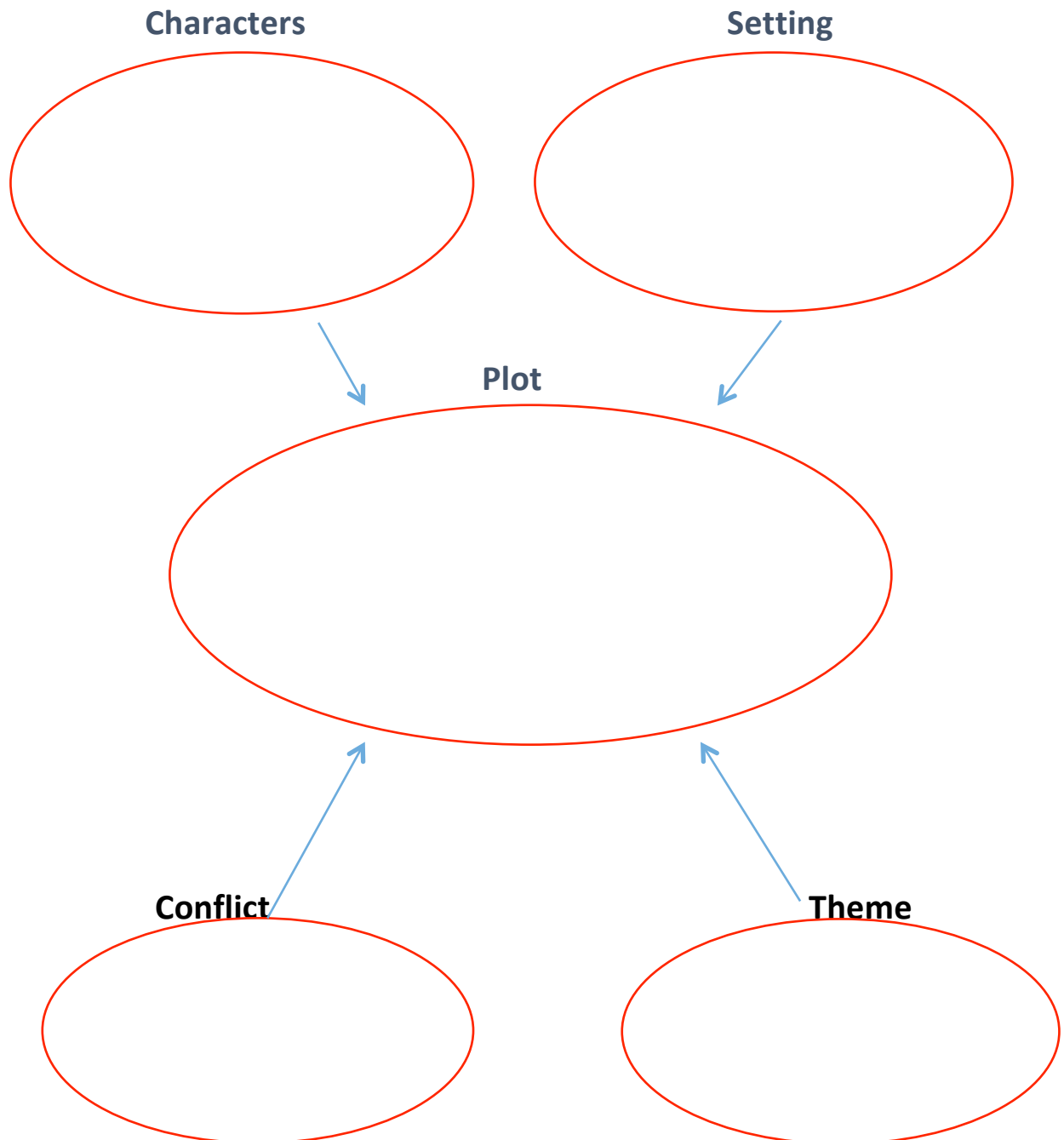
Students gain insight and understanding of text when exploring the different story elements that make each story unique. The major elements of a story include character, setting, plot, conflict, and theme.

Use the following chart to discuss the five most often used Story Elements with examples from Charlotte's Web.

STORY ELEMENT	DEFINITION OR DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLES
Character(s)	Who the story is about. Characters can be real or make-believe depending on the genre. Characters can be people, animals, or inanimate objects (things).	Wilbur Charlotte Fern Templeton
Setting	When (time) and where (place) a story takes place. Many novel length books have more than one setting.	Farm Barn Fair
Plot	Events that happen in the story. Usually involves actions, and climax (most important/exciting event).	Wilbur is born as a runt and is saved by the farmer's daughter Fern. Wilbur meets Charlotte in the barn. Charlotte ends up being Wilbur's friend and helps come up with a plan to save Wilbur.
Conflict (solution)	A problem or issue that one or more characters have to solve. (answer or how a conflict is solved)	Wilbur is a runt and was going to be killed by Mr. Arable. Later Wilbur learns he is going to be killed for food like most farm pigs. Charlotte helps to save him by writing about him in her web.
Theme	Message or lesson taught in the story. The overall concept that the reader is supposed to understand.	Sometimes friendship is found with usual people/animals.

Explain to students that they are going to fill in the graphic organizer with story elements using the book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Story Elements Concept Map



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Answer Key

Answers may vary:

Characters: Charlie Bucket, Grandpa Joe, Grandma Josephine, Grandpa George, Grandma Georgina, Willy Wonka (others possible)

Setting: Charlie's apartment, Willy Wonka Chocolate Factory

Plot: Willy Wonka announces that he has put 5 golden tickets for entry inside his chocolate factory. These tickets are inside candy bar wrappers. People begin buying the candy bars trying to find the golden tickets. After finding the golden ticket he and his grandfather explore the chocolate factory with the other winners. They see many different rooms with lots of wonderful inventions involving chocolate and candy.

Conflict: Charlie Bucket is from a poor family who is facing hunger due to their financial situation. Charlie has no money to purchase candy bars to try and find the golden ticket. **(Solution):** Charlie finds a dollar bill hidden in the snow. He races to the nearest store and purchases two candy bars. The second one has a golden ticket.

Theme: Actions have consequences. The "bad" children at the factory have consequences that cause them to disappear and have to leave the factory. Charlie is well behaved and is the only remaining winner left to explore the factory. Charlie is told that when he is old enough to run the factory it is his. In the meantime the whole family gets to live at the factory.