**Objective**

The student will identify the components of a plot.

**Materials**

- Narrative text
  
  *Choose text within students' instructional-independent reading level range.*
- Plot cards (Activity Master C.005.AM1)
  
  *Laminate.*
- Plot work board (Activity Master C.005.AM2a - C.005.AM2b)
  
  *Copy, align pages, glue sides together, and laminate.*
- Vis-à-Vis® markers

**Activity**

Students write plot components and place them on the plot structure.

1. Place plot work board on a flat surface. Place the plot cards face down in a stack.
   
   Provide each student with a copy of the text.
2. Students read or review text and discuss it. Write title and author on work board.
3. Taking turns, student one selects the top plot card from the stack, reads designation at the bottom aloud, and writes the corresponding information on the card. Hands card to student two.
4. Student two places the plot card in the appropriate box on the work board.
   
   Explains placement.
5. Continue until all plot cards are placed.
6. Peer evaluation

**Extensions and Adaptations**

- Record answers on student sheet (Activity Master C.005.SS).
- Write plot components of multiple stories on cards (Activity Master C.005.AM3) and sort using header cards (Activity Master C.005.AM4).
Comprehension

Plotting the Plot

introduction or exposition

rising action event

rising action event

rising action event

climax or turning point

falling action event

falling action event

falling action event

solution or resolution

plot cards
Comprehension

Plotting the Plot

Title:

Author:

Introduction or Exposition

Rising Action Events

1

2

3

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Comprehension

C.005.AM2b

Plotting the Plot

Climax or Turning Point

Falling Action Events

Solution or Resolution

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**Header Cards**