Objective
The student will identify story elements.

Materials
- Narrative text
  *Choose text within students’ instructional-independent reading level range.*
- Question cards
  *Use question cards that are appropriate for your students. Laminate.*
- Student sheets
- Pencils

Activity
Students answer questions related to story elements and record on a graphic organizer.
1. Place story element question cards face down in a stack. Provide each student with a copy of the text and a student sheet.
2. Students read or review the text.
3. Taking turns, students select the top card and read the question. For example, “Who or what is involved in the conflict?”
4. Discuss answer. Place the card in a discard pile.
5. Record answers to selected questions on the student sheet. (Use back of student sheet, if necessary.)
6. Continue until all question cards are answered.
7. Teacher evaluation

Extensions and Adaptations
- Complete two student sheets on two different stories. Write title or draw picture related to each story on the back. Cut out each story’s puzzle pieces, mix pieces, and give to a partner to put pieces back in the right order. Turn pieces over to check by revealing the title or picture.
- Add questions. For example, What are the effects of the problem?
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**question cards**
Title: ___________________________  Author: ___________________________

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Who is your favorite character? Why?

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What is the plot of the story?

What is the theme of the story?

What is the problem in the story?

What is the solution to the problem?

What is another way that the problem could have been solved?
Name: ____________

Story Pieces

Title: ____________________________________________

What do the other characters think about the main character?

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Author: ___________________________________________

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