



Story Element Ease

Objective

The student will identify story elements.

Materials

- ▶ Narrative texts
Choose three stories, books, or other texts that students have read. Put a number on each text. Choose stories that can be compared and contrasted.
- ▶ Story element header cards (Activity Master C.008.AM1)
- ▶ Story element cards (Activity Master C.008.AM2a - C.008.AM2c)
Laminate.
- ▶ Vis-à-Vis® markers

Activity

Students write information related to story elements and sort into appropriate categories.

1. Place header cards face up in a row. Place the story element cards face down in a stack.
Provide each student with a copy of the texts.
2. Students review and discuss each of the texts.
3. Taking turns, students select the top card from the stack and read the category printed at the bottom of the card.
4. Write the title of the text that corresponds to the number on the card. Write information related to the story element and place in column under matching header card.
5. Continue until all cards are sorted.
6. Discuss the similarities and differences among the texts.
7. Peer evaluation

The diagram shows a grid of story element headers: characters, setting, problem, solution, theme, and plot. Below these are three example cards. The first card, 'Title #1 The Lion's Tale', has 'monkey, lion, and alligator' written under the 'characters' header and 'in the jungle' under the 'setting' header. The second card, 'Title #2 The Terrible Trio', has 'Tim, Jim, Keith' written under the 'characters' header. The third card, 'Title #3', has a blank space under the 'theme' header. A stack of story cards and a pen are also shown.

Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Record answers (Activity Master C.008.SS).
- ▶ Use 3-way Venn diagram to compare three stories (Activity Master C.002.SS6).
- ▶ Choose multiple stories, write information related to the six story elements, mix into a stack, use headers, and take turns sorting (Activity Master C.008.AM3).

characters

header

setting

header

problem

header

solution

header

theme

header

plot

header



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C.008.AM2a

<p>Title #1 _____</p> <p>characters</p>	<p>Title #1 _____</p> <p>setting</p>
<p>Title #1 _____</p> <p>problem</p>	<p>Title #1 _____</p> <p>solution</p>
<p>Title #1 _____</p> <p>theme</p>	<p>Title #1 _____</p> <p>plot</p>

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C.008.AM2b

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<p>Title #2 _____</p> <p>characters</p>	<p>Title #2 _____</p> <p>setting</p>
<p>Title #2 _____</p> <p>problem</p>	<p>Title #2 _____</p> <p>solution</p>
<p>Title #2 _____</p> <p>theme</p>	<p>Title #2 _____</p> <p>plot</p>

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C.008.AM2c

<p>Title #3 _____</p> <p>characters</p>	<p>Title #3 _____</p> <p>setting</p>
<p>Title #3 _____</p> <p>problem</p>	<p>Title #3 _____</p> <p>solution</p>
<p>Title #3 _____</p> <p>theme</p>	<p>Title #3 _____</p> <p>plot</p>

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Name _____

C.008.SS

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plot			
theme			
solution			
problem			
setting			
characters			
story	Title #1	Title #2	Title #3

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C.008.AM3

blank cards

