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Using a Story Map

A story map is a visual depiction of the important events and actions of story characters. It can also be a framework for storytelling or for story writing. A story map is a useful organizational tool for better exploring literature to enhance understanding, and for creating sequential works of writing.

Directions: As part of a group of two, choose a story to outline a story map. Think about the relationships between the characters and events. How does the sequence help to tell the story? Compare your story map of the selection to your partner's. What are the similarities and differences? Explain your thinking behind the differences.

The story map template consists of a central rectangular box labeled "story" with a decorative border of small squares. Below this box are four circles, each with a decorative border of small squares. The circles are labeled "setting", "characters", "problem", and "solution".

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