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Short Story Graphic Organizer

ASSIGNMENT: Write a short story that tells about someone solving a problem. This should be a work of contemporary fiction. Your audience should be able to relate to the story and its message.

NO SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY ALLOWED.

EXPOSITION

I. Setting

- A. When? present day
B. Where? nursing home

II. Characters

A. Character #1-Protagonist

1. Name Paige
2. Physical/Emotional characteristics tender-hearted, caring, hurting

B. Character #2-Antagonist

1. Name Nana's illness
2. Physical/Emotional characteristics _____

III. Situation

What's the basic idea/situation of the story? (Plot Overview)

Paige must tell her grandmother about the cancer that has taken over her body

RISING ACTION

Event Revealing the news of the cancer

- A. Suspense Tears, discussion with Nana
B. Imagery nursing home, Nana's physical condition
C. Dialogue "Hello Sugar pie" "I was wondering why my body was giving me fits"

CLIMAX

What is the turning point of the story?

When Paige tells Nana that she's dying.

How does the mood of the story change?

Nana takes it well. Paige is relieved to tell her g'mother the truth.

RESOLUTION/DENOUEMENT

How is the conflict resolved? Tie up loose ends.

The two remember the good times.

HEME

Speaking the truth in love can be difficult yet it can help bring about closure.