





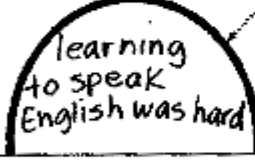
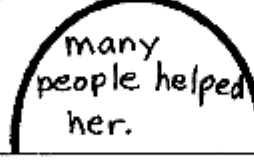


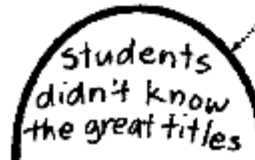



Mapping

PURPOSE This simple mapping activity helps students understand the importance of a character. They identify the character's goals and problems and determine how he or she reaches the goal or solves the problem.

WHAT TO DO Students choose someone from a book or real life and use the Story Pattern to record the character's desires or motives. Then they follow the character and record what happens.

<p>This Character</p>  <p>Peter</p>	<p>Wanted To</p>  <p>Keep his room</p>
<p>But</p>  <p>Grandpa was moving in</p>	<p>So</p>  <p>Peter declared war!</p>
<p>This Character</p>  <p>Dan Thuy</p>	<p>Wanted To</p>  <p>become part of America</p>
<p>But</p>  <p>learning to speak English was hard</p>	<p>So</p>  <p>many people helped her.</p>
<p>This Character</p>  <p>Miss Jones, our librarian</p>	<p>Wanted To</p>  <p>encourage students to check out books</p>
<p>But</p>  <p>students didn't know the great titles</p>	<p>So</p>  <p>she started a book club</p>



Literature

Use the organizer for a beginning story mapping activity for the whole class. Students—in groups or individually—select one character (for example, Peter in *The War with Grandpa* by Smith) and complete the Story Pattern. Encourage students to choose different characters and compare their answers.



Social Studies

As students complete the Story Pattern for a character in a nonfiction book like *Dan Thuy's New Life in America* by O'Connor, they begin to understand the individual motives and the life stories that make up our country's history.



General Classroom Use

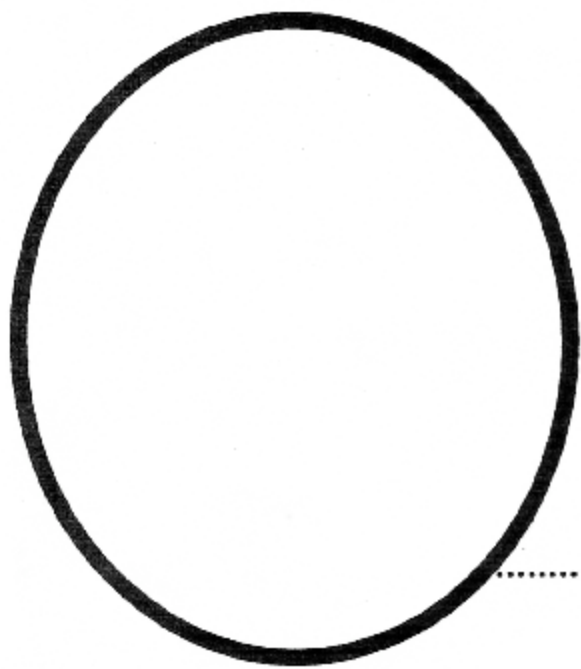
Use the Story Pattern to help organize classroom events, then compile them into a class book or yearly journal. For example, ask students to collect an information page about each special person who works in the school.

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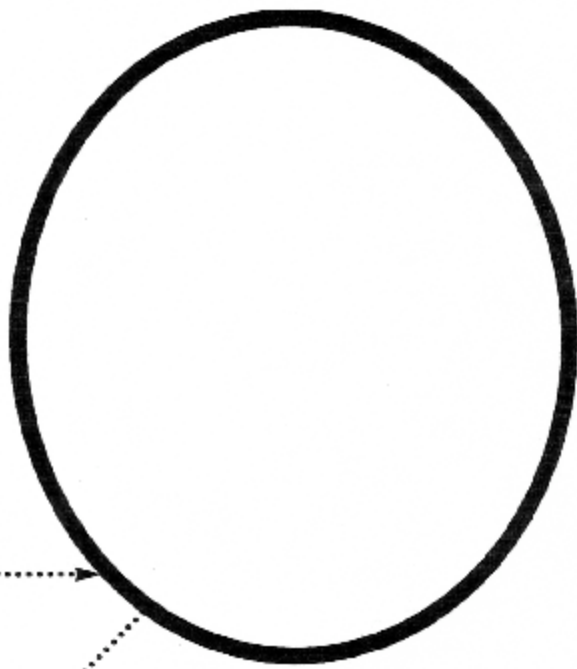
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Story Pattern

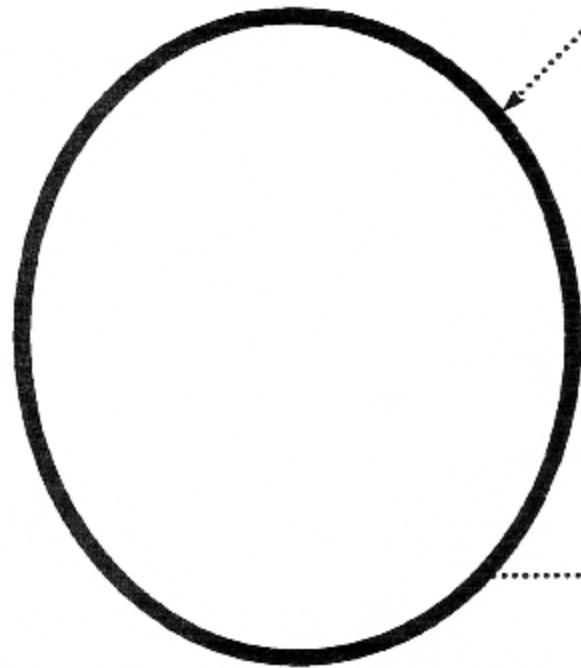
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