STRATEGIES FOR PLOT AND RESOLUTION

5TH GRADE

STRATEGY 1: VOCABULARY

**Plot:** The plot is what happens in a story – the events and actions. These events and actions lead up to something occurring that needs to be solved.

**Conflict:** A problem that occurs in a story between 2 or more people, between a person or persons and an outside force (such as a fire, tornado, earthquake, flood), or a conflict within the character him/herself (such as having to make a difficult decision between something that is right and something that is wrong).

**Climax:** This is the point in the story where all the events and actions come together and something has to be done about the problem to resolve it.

**Resolution:** A decision is made and the problem, or conflict, is solved.

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STRATEGY 2: STORY PLOT MAP

The story plot map illustrates the progression of events leading up to a resolution of a problem in a story.

**Putting It All Together**

1. Exposition

2. Rising Action

3. Climax

4. Falling Action

5. Resolution

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Beginning of Story

Middle of Story

End of Story
Plot Skeleton

Name: ________________________

Main Character NEEDS:
1. OBVIOUS:
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2. HIDDEN:
   ________________________

INCITING INCIDENT: ("Then one day...")

3 COMPLICATIONS:
1. ________________________

2. ________________________

3. The Bleakest Moment:
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HELP:
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LESSON OR DECISION:
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RESOLUTION:
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Adapted from Angela E. Hunt
Stories have plot, or a series of events that center on a problem, or conflict.
The three elements of plot are conflict/problem, climax, and resolution.
A conflict can be a problem between two people or groups, between a person and nature, or within a character.
The climax is the place where the action builds, and the conflict must be faced. The resolution is where the conflict is solved.
Graphic Organizer: Problem and Solution Diagram

Character ________________________________

Problem & Solution Diagram

Problem

Goal

Event #1

Event #2

Event #3

Resolution
SOLVING A PROBLEM

Talk to a partner about a problem. Pick a problem that you read about in a book, or choose one that happened to you. What caused the problem? What happened afterward? How can the problem be solved? Fill in the chart by writing your answers.

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Conflict Resolution

1. Think of a time when you experienced a conflict with another person. Describe what happened.

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2. State the conflict

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3. What did you do to resolve the conflict. Brainstorm other possible resolutions to this conflict?

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