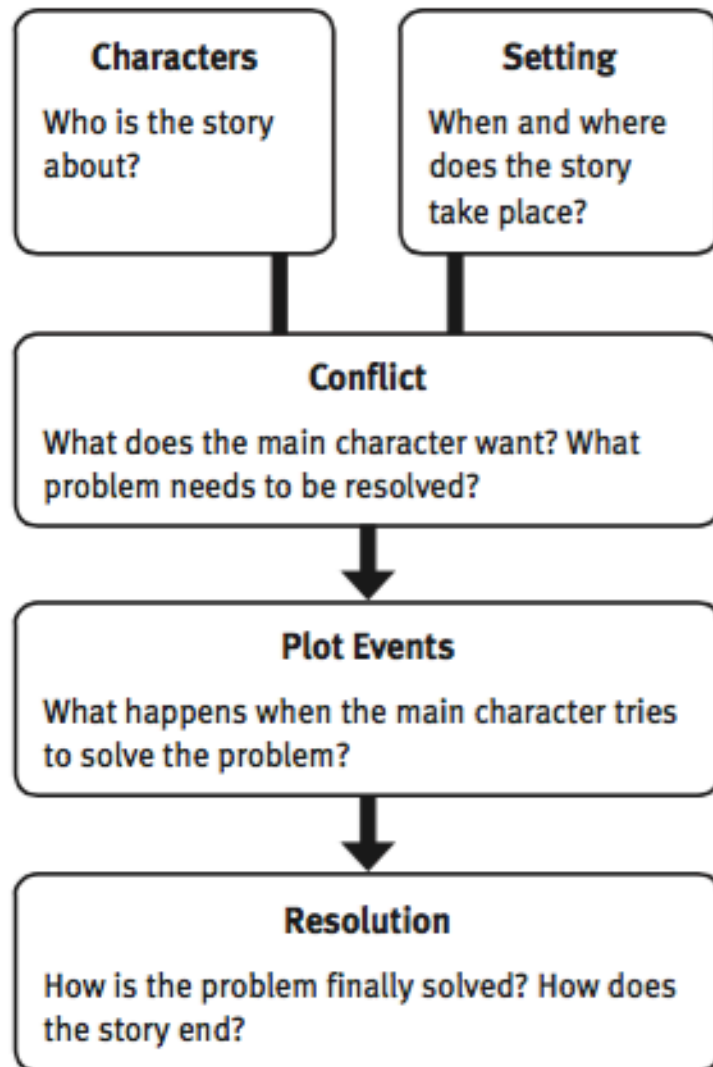# Forms of Fiction

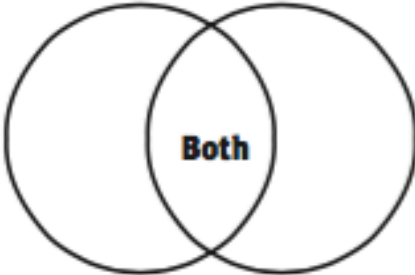| Genre	Description
Realistic Fiction	A story with characters like people you might meet in real life and events that might happen in real life.
Historical Fiction	A story with characters who might have lived in the past and events that might have really happened in history. It contains some made-up details and events.
Fable	A story that teaches a lesson about right and wrong. The characters might be people or talking animals.
Myth	An imaginative story that explains how something began or came to be. The characters might be people, gods, or talking animals.
Folktale	A story that has been handed down from one generation to the next. The plot may teach a lesson and often reflect the values of a culture.
Legend	An imaginative story passed down through time. It may be based on real people or places.
Short Story	A story that is not as long as a novel. It can usually be read in one sitting.
Science Fiction	A story about imaginary events that usually take place in the future. It may contain amazing inventions.
Tall Tale	A humorous story about impossible or exaggerated events. It is often based on an American folk hero.

Use Story Structure
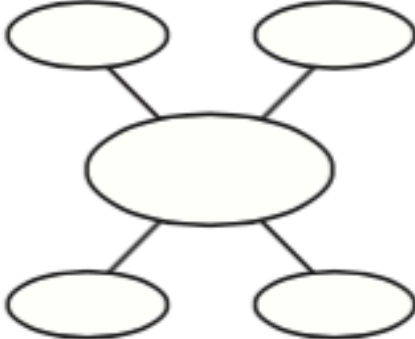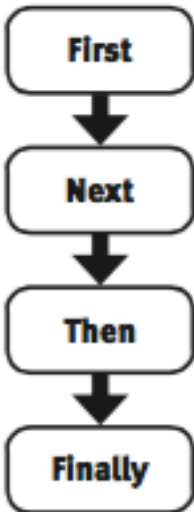
Characters

Who is the story about?

Setting

When and where does the story take place?

Conflict

What does the main character want? What problem needs to be resolved?

Plot Events

What happens when the main character tries to solve the problem?

Resolution

How is the problem finally solved? How does the story end?

Use Graphic Organizers

Venn Diagram

Both

Text Structure: Compare and Contrast

Web

Text Structure: Description

Sequence Chart

First

Next

Then

Finally

Text Structure: Chronological Order

Cause-and-Effect Diagram

CAUSE → **EFFECT**

CAUSE

EFFECT

CAUSE

Text Structure: Cause and Effect

Reference Sources

Reference Source	Organization	Information It Contains
Almanac	charts, graphs, and text	current facts about events, places, entertainment, sports, and weather
Atlas	maps	information about places
Dictionary	text arranged alphabetically by word	meanings of unfamiliar words; how to pronounce words; how to spell words
Thesaurus	text arranged alphabetically by word	synonyms and antonyms
Encyclopedia	text arranged alphabetically by topic	specific information on a topic
Nonfiction Book/ Magazine	text and sometimes pictures	specific information on a topic
Internet	text, pictures, videos, audios, interactive features	specific information on a topic; current news; business information

Lesson 4: Chronological Order
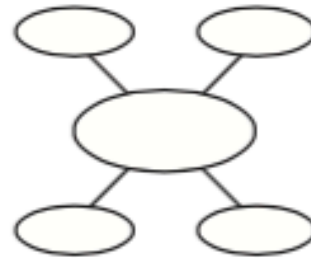
Use Graphic Organizers

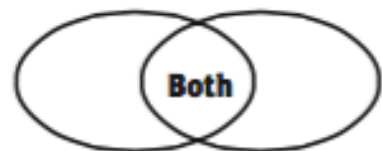| Graphic Organizer	Purpose
Story Map	shows a story's structure
Web	shows related words and ideas
Venn Diagram	shows how things are similar and different
Cause-and-Effect Diagram	shows causes and their effects
Sequence Chart	shows events in chronological order

Story Map

Characters   Setting

Conflict

Plot Events

Resolution

Web

Sequence Chart

First

Next

Then

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Cause-and-Effect Diagram

Cause   →   Effect

Venn Diagram

Both

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Lesson 5: Review Week