



UNDERSTANDING STRUCTURE

Year 4 Lesson Plan 2

This lesson looks at how stories are structured.
All stories have a beginning, a middle and an end.



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In pairs discuss what happens in Cinderella or another fairy tale that your children are familiar with.

Think about the 5 Ws

- How does your fairy tale fit into this?
- Who – it's about Cinderella
- What – she wants to go to the ball
- When – a long time ago
- Where – in a kingdom
- What – the Fairy Godmother appears and Cinderella goes to the ball





Fairytale Newsreaders

Ask each group to choose a different scene from the Cinderella story, for example:

- the invitation
- the fairy godmother
 - the ball
 - midnight
- fitting the shoe;

or

- the prince and Cinderella's wedding.

- Then encourage each group to think of a headline for their chosen scene, for example:

- Royal Invitations Cause Chaos! or
- Mystery Girl Leaves the Ball at Midnight!

- Ask each group to decide which member will adopt the role of newsreader, interviewer or other character. Encourage them to structure a scene from the headline to camera, add some further detail of the story and then conduct an interview on location with a character.

- Give the children time to prepare their news item.

Encourage them to formulate questions and answers and use different accents for effect.

Story Mountain

All stories have a structure:

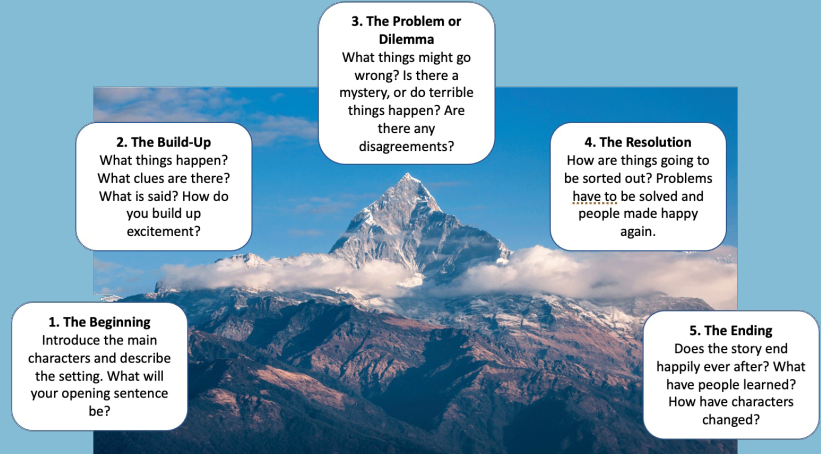
Beginning or opening

Build up or complication

Problem or dilemma or climax

Problem solving or Resolution

Ending



Now think about how your fairy tale fits on a Story Mountain.

Use a Story Mountain planner to help us plan your stories

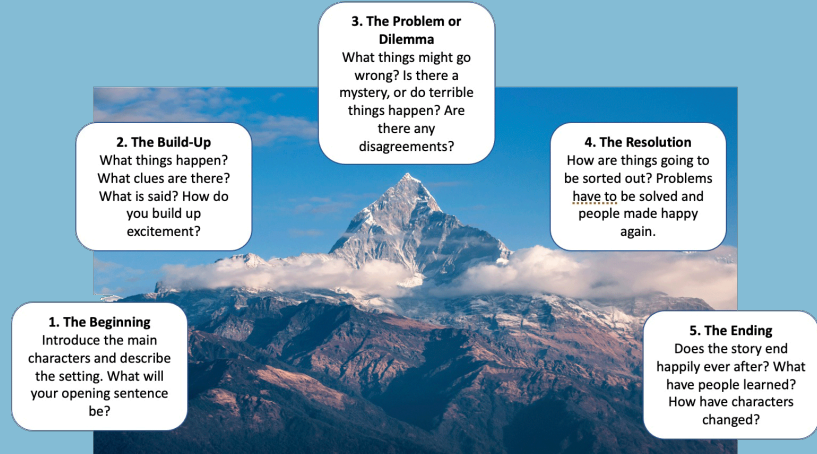
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Example:

- **Beginning** – A poor girl is treated cruelly by her sisters and step mother. All girls are invited to a ball to meet the Prince but Cinderella can't go because she has no clothes or transport.
- **Build up** – Cinderella is visited by her Fairy Godmother who gives her clothes and a coach, but she must return by midnight or the clothes and coach will disappear.

- **Problem or dilemma** – Cinderella forgets the time, as she dances with the Prince and has to run to get to her coach in time. She doesn't have time to give the Prince a name and leaves behind her silver slipper.
- **Resolution** – The Prince finds Cinderella by asking each girl to try on the shoe
- **Ending** – Cinderella is reunited with the Prince, marries him and lives happily ever after.





Watch *The Three Bill Goats Gruff*

In pairs decide how this story fits
into the Story Mountain

