



STORY STRUCTURE : A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

Year 4 Lesson Plan 3

This lesson will continue to explore story structure

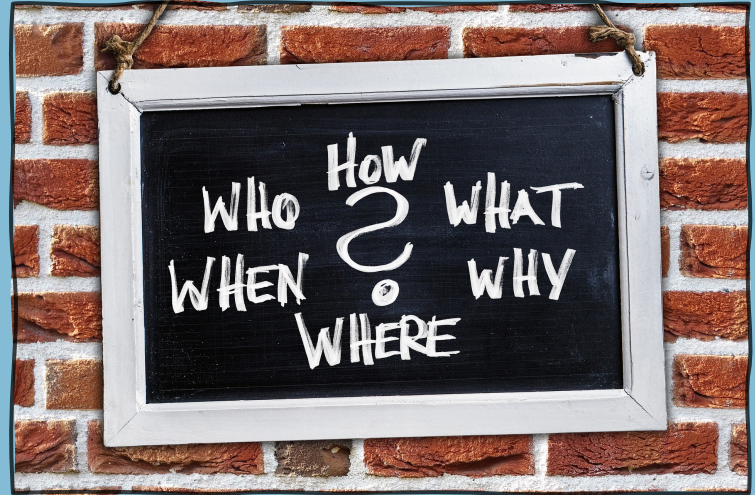


ACTIVITY:

Ask your class who can remember the 5 Ws:

Who, What, When, Where, Why (and how)

How does *The Three Little Pigs*
fit with the 5Ws?





Planning a class story

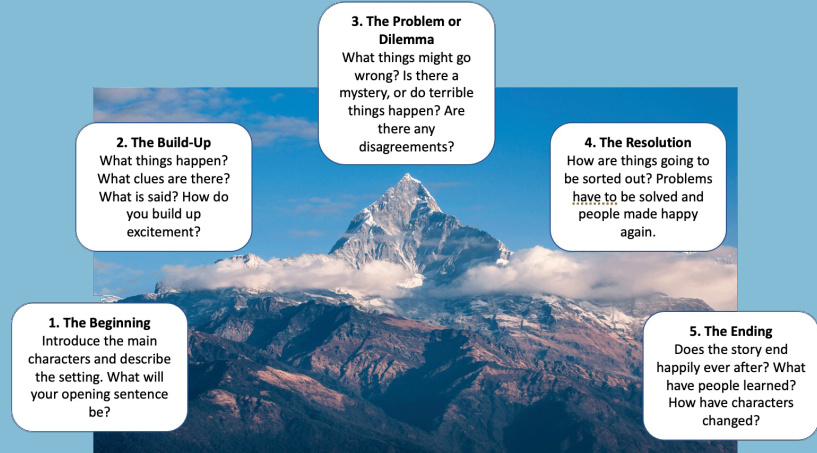


Start to plan a class story using the Story Mountain system.

Example:

- **Opening**- a girl goes for a walk in the forest. She forgets the time and it starts to get dark. She comes across a boy who says that he knows the way home. She goes with him, deeper into the woods.
- **Build-up**-she doesn't recognise the way back and starts to get worried. She realises that she's been tricked, when the boy turns into a wicked witch.
- **Problem**-She is taken and locked inside the witch's cottage.
- **Resolution**- she is saved by a handsome Prince.
- **Ending**-They get married and live happily ever after.

Have we included the 5Ws? Who, What, Where, When, Why





Ask the children to identify and match the genre and definition
Using this planning sheet start
to think about your story.

You can always change your ideas later,
if you decide that you want to change something.

1. The Beginning

Introduce the main characters and describe the setting. What will your opening sentence be?

2. The Build-Up

What things happen? What clues are there? What is said? How do you build up the excitement?

3. The Problem or Dilemma

Things might go wrong! Is there a mystery, or do terrible things happen? Are there any disagreements?

4. The Resolution

How are things going to be sorted out? Problems have to be solved, and people made happy again.

5. The Ending

Does the story end happily ever after? What have people learned? Have characters changed?

What type of story will yours be?

There are many different types.

Before you begin to plan you need to decide what sort you are writing.

For example:

- Fairy Tale
- Adventure
- Fantasy
- Science Fiction
- Detective

