

Short Stories

All stories consist of _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____. Characters are the “stars” of the story. The dictionary definition is the combination of _____ or _____ that _____ one person, group, or thing from _____. Without characters, there would be no story.



Conflict is something that causes _____ for and _____ the characters. It is part of the _____ of the story, which is the series of events that lead up to the climax. Every story has some type of conflict.

The climax is the _____ of the story. This is when the _____, cause by the conflict, is at its _____ level. An example: the hero faces the dragon in a fiery battle as is just about to be incinerated when The falling action is the series of events that happen immediately after the climax.

The resolution, or ending, is when the _____ is either resolved or cannot be continued any further.



The Legend of Sleepy Hollow is a short story written by _____
It is one of the earliest examples of _____

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow Movie Notes

The setting: _____

The characters (describe each):

Ichabod Crane _____

Brom Bones _____

Katrina Van Tassel _____

Headless Horseman _____

The conflict: _____

The rising action: _____

The climax: _____

The falling action: _____

The resolution/ending: _____

Genre, Tense, and Point-of-View

Genre is a category of _____ or other form of _____. Examples include science fiction, _____, mystery, _____, _____ fiction, biographies, etc. Tense locates a _____ in _____. It indicates when a situation _____ . The point-of-view is the _____ through which the story is _____. There are 3 types of point-of-view:

1. **First Person:** the story is relayed by a _____ who is also a _____ in the story. Uses _____ and _____.
2. **Second Person:** the narrator refers to one of the characters as _____. Therefore, the _____ feels as if he or she is a _____ within the story.
3. **Third Person:** each and every _____ is referred to by the narrator as _____, _____, _____, or _____ but never as _____ or _____ or _____.

Short Film Notes

1. For Alma:
 - What genre could this story be classified as? _____
 - The point-of-view shifts in this story. What two points-of-view are demonstrated?

2. For The Black Hole:
 - What is the point-of-view? _____
 - Describe the character in the story. What clues did you see that gave you hints to his personality?:

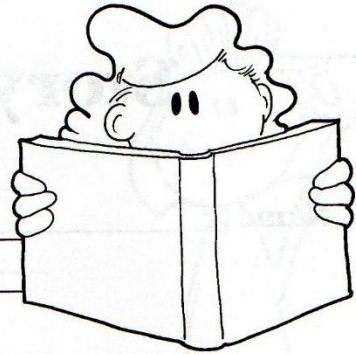
3. For Sebastian's Voodoo:
 - Explain how details (sight, sound) describe the mood; what is the mood as result?:

4. For Comedy:
 - What is the genre? _____
 - From who's point-of-view is the story being told? _____
 - Which tense is being used by the narrator? _____
 - How is the swordsman portrayed? How would you describe him based on the visual details in the story?

Your Short Story

My story's genre is _____

Story Planner



Title _____

Author _____

Setting

Time and place of the story are _____

Character

The main character _____ has these traits _____

Goal

The main character really wants to _____

Problem

However, _____

Events Leading to Solution

So, _____

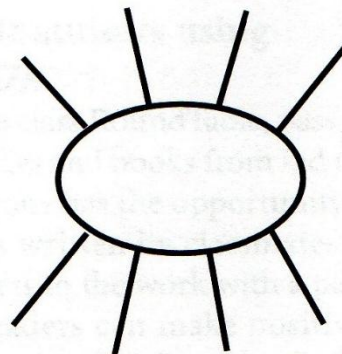
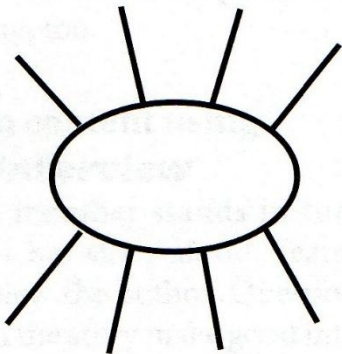
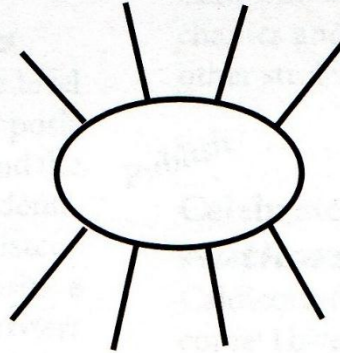
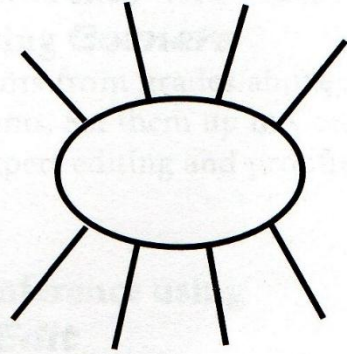
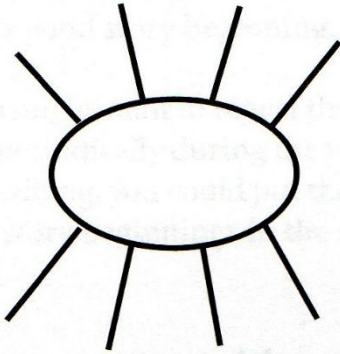
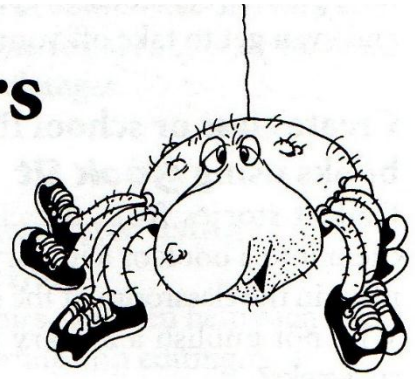
Ending

The character finally _____

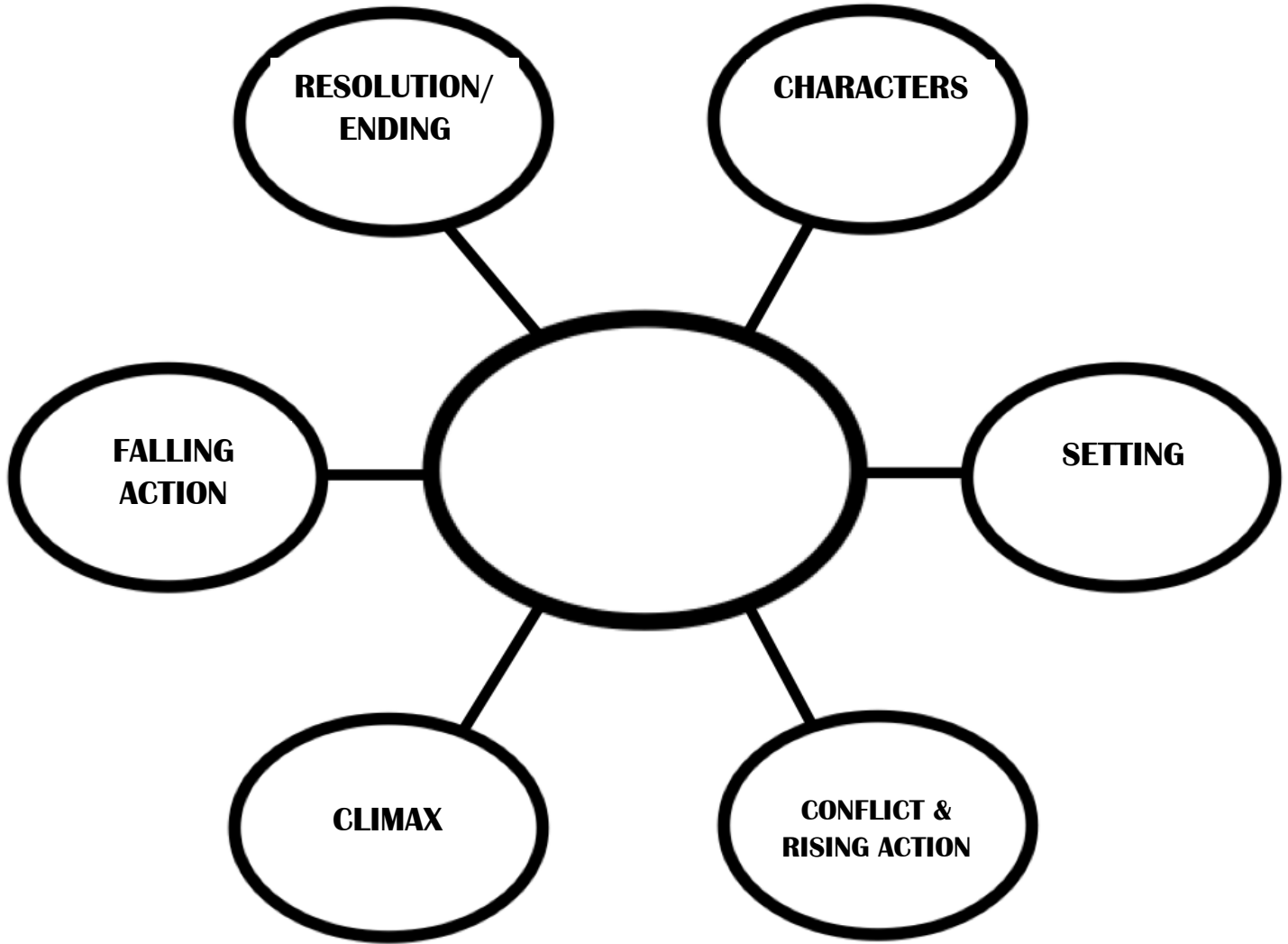
Descriptive Spiders

Name _____

Directions: Add words at the ends of the spider's legs to help you describe the characters in your story.

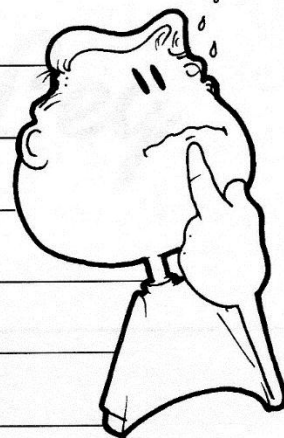


Brainstorm



- Your final original (no previous existing characters or stories allowed) short story should be **no less than 1 full page and no more than 2 pages typed**. Your rough draft using the sheet in this packet is **DUE** _____
- Your typed final draft is **DUE** _____
- Your final draft **MUST** be typed in 12 point font using Arial or Times New Roman.
- Your fairy short needs to include a(n):
Introduction _____
Rising Action _____
Climax _____
Falling Action _____
Conclusion _____

Creating Fiction



Peer Response

Title _____

Name _____

Work in Progress

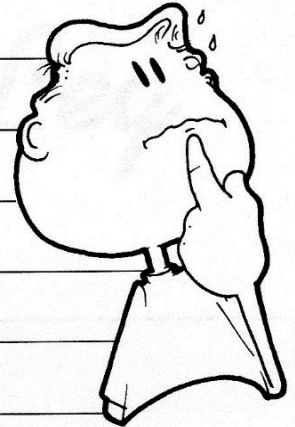
Gambits:

1. The most vivid part was _____

2. Could you tell me more about _____

- _____ ?

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