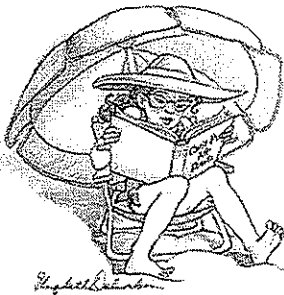


6th Grade Back to School Book Project 2009-2010

As a rising 6th grader, you are required to read at least one book over the summer break. A list of recommended books was included in your Thursday Folder in mid-May, or can be accessed via the FCPS website (<http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/readlist/6.htm>). You do not have to choose from this list, however, the book you choose should be “just right” for you as a reader.

In addition, as a rising Halley 6th grader, you will be required to complete the attached book project prior to the first day of school. The project outlines basic story elements such as, character, setting, and plot. Your home room teacher will collect this assignment on the *first day of school!* Please follow the directions listed on the project sheet. As we always tend to say in 6th grade, neatness and effort matter. Aim for starting the year out on the right foot!



We hope you enjoy your book as well as your summer vacation. See you in the fall! Happy reading!

The 6th Grade Team

Chart

Skill: Identify the five plot elements in a story.

Plot

What you'll need:

a 9- by 12-inch sheet of construction paper, colored pencils, ruler, Plotline Guidelines (page 31)

Steps:

- Divide the sheet of construction paper into eight separate blocks. Organize and label each block as follows:

 - Block 1: Title of book and author
 - Block 2: Introduction (setting)
 - Block 3: Introduction (characters)
 - Block 4: Introduction (main problem in the story)
 - Block 5: Rising action
 - Block 6: Climax
 - Block 7: Falling action
 - Block 8: Conclusion
- Review the book you've read to determine the characters, the setting, and the five plot elements described in the Plotline Guidelines.
- In each block on your chart, draw a scene from the book that illustrates the appropriate element.
- Under each illustration write a caption to explain how the scene you chose corresponds with the title, setting, characters, or plot point.

Grading Criteria

Chart accurately represents all five plot elements from the book.	15 Points
Artwork is neat and colorful.	10 Points
Captions describe the pictures well.	15 Points
Mechanics	5 Points
Creativity	5 Points
	50 Points

THE LOTTERY
Shirley Jackson

INTRODUCTION: SETTING
"It was the morning of June 27
It was a wonderful sunny day
Flowers were blossoming
Grass was richly green
Occurs in a small village
Gathered in the village square
between the post office and the bank
10:00 a.m.

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
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25	26	27	28	29	30

INTRODUCTION: CHARACTERS
"Hutchinsons
Martins
Delacroix's
Mr. Summers
Graws
Adams"
-Dunbars
-Warners

INTRODUCTION: PROBLEM
"Every year on June 27, the whole town gathers in the village square
Every family leader (father) chooses a slip of paper from the black box.

RIISING ACTION:
"The village gathered together in the village square between the post office and the bank.
Every family's father chooses a slip of paper from the black box, but must keep it folded until every family has chosen.

CLIMAX:
"Tessie Hutchinson, who had chosen the black dot. The whole town picked up stones to throw at and kill Tessie.

FALLING ACTION:
"The town now chose again to find the unlucky victim."

CONCLUSION:

These are the five elements you will find in any novel you've read. The formula can help you understand an author's plan.

1. Introduction

- Setting: Where and when the story takes place.
- Characters: Who the story is about. The author's focus is usually on the main character.
- Problem: Conflict in the story and what the characters (usually the main character) have to try to overcome.

2. Rising Action

- Key events that build up to the climax. The character attempts to solve the conflict with different solutions but fails to find a good resolution.

3. Climax

- The high point of the story. Usually it's the most exciting part of the story.

4. Falling Action

- The problem is solved and the loose ends of the story line are being drawn together.

5. Conclusion

- How the story ends.

PLOTLINE GUIDELINES

Book Title: _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Can you picture the storyline of the whole book? Sometimes it's helpful to map out the plot of a story on a graphic organizer.

