

The Story Face

Appropriate Grade Level: Elementary

Procedures/Steps:

- The Story Face is an adaptation of story mapping that also uses a visual framework for understanding, identifying, and remembering elements in narrative text.

The Story Face is constructed by:

1. making the eyes: two circles representing the setting and main characters
 2. eyelashes: specific descriptors and secondary characters
 3. nose: problem
 4. mouth: comprises a series of circles representing the main events that lead to the solution
- The teacher will fill out the story map as a visual for the students as both teacher and students read and reread the text to identify important information for the Story Face.

Comments and/or Tips:

- The Story Face can be learned through discovery and is flexible in how it accommodates resolutions, events, construction, and varying student ages and abilities.
- It is an easy-to-use model for narrative writing composition.

Source:

Staal, L. (2000). The story face: An adaptation of story mapping that incorporates visualization and discovery learning to enhance reading and writing. *Reading Teacher* 54, 1, 26-31.

