

Writing Activity

Framed Paragraphs (w/Content Connections)

Purpose: Semantic Development and Syntactic Development

Focus: Use a “frame” (outline or template) for writing a paragraph that contains a main idea (topic sentence), supporting details, and a summary statement (conclusion).

ELDC (Continuum) Level(s): Low Intermediate 1, Low Intermediate 2, High Intermediate 1, High Intermediate 2

Note: Framed paragraphs are most useful in preparing students for exam questions. In fact, framed paragraphs make very good exam questions.

Procedure: Introduce framed paragraphs to the class by creating a story collectively using the language experience approach. The second time you assign framed paragraphs, have each group prepare one. Once the groups have mastered framed paragraphs, each student prepares his/her own. Include incentives for the group to help individual team members. For example, give a team one point for each member who receives a grade of B or higher. After constructing a model paragraph with the class, groups, pairs, or individuals find examples in text.

Social Studies Example: *There are many cultures of people living in Florida. First.... Second.... Third.... These groups and others....*

Language Arts Example: *..., a character in the novel... by... is.... An example of this behavior is... Another example is.... Finally.... Therefore, this character is...*

Science Example: *OBSERVATION: After observing... HYPOTHESIS: I think... MATERIALS: 1...2...3... PROCEDURE: 1...2...3... DATA: 1...2...3... ANALYSIS: The results of the experiment show.... This was caused by.... Therefore, my hypothesis was/was not correct because....*

Examples of Framed Paragraphs Activities (Continued on next pages)

Refer to the pages that follow for examples of framed paragraphs activities.

Reproducible graphic organizers and paragraph frames are provided for these skills:

- Generic Paragraph Organizers
- Conclusions
- Historical Setting
- Predicting
- Details
- Main Idea
- Sequencing
- Cause & Effect
- Compare/Contrast
- Reading Critically: Visualization
- Author's Purpose
- Event Map
- Problem/ Solution
- Characterization
- Symbolism
- Conflict (Internal, External, Conflict Dissection)

Framed Paragraphs (Continued)

Examples of Framed Paragraphs Activities

The objective of the **Framed Paragraph Activity** is writing using a “frame” (outline or template) to write a paragraph that contains a main idea (topic sentence), supporting details, and a summary statement (conclusion). Paragraph writing in the context of academic tasks is excellent practice for exam questions and are an excellent classroom assessment. Use the **Framed Paragraphs** regularly for short writing practices and incorporate it into more difficult academic tasks or concepts.

Teachers introduce “frames” or template models for students to follow. As students develop writing skills, they can create their own paragraph frames in groups or individually.

Below are examples of how to use Framed Paragraphs in analysis and FCAT support skills in various subject areas, including **science**, **social studies**, **mathematics**, and **language arts** objectives.

Examples of a “Framed Paragraphs” Activity: Paragraph Frames & Paragraph organizers

The examples of paragraph frames and organizers below incorporate essential writing skills into subject area content instruction. Note that “formula writing” is NOT the objective. Instead, students are learning and practicing paragraph writing while exploring subject area concepts. *Writing a paragraph* is not an objective, but a *learning strategy*. In the process of using paragraph frames and organizers, students learn the “formula” for writing a paragraph without spending instructional time on it. There is no need to “teach for the test” (FCAT Writing). The writing models (*paragraph frames and organizers*) provide practice for the writing test.

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****See Content Connections on following page.**

Note: The Content Connections described below are intended to give ideas and/or suggestions for utilizing this activity in other subject areas.

Content Connections

Math: Read procedure for activity. This can be adapted so students use appropriate frame in a math journal to explain process for solving a problem.

Science:

Social Studies:

*Refer to next page(s) for more *Framed Paragraphs Activities*.*

Framed Paragraphs (Continued)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer

Directions: Use the paragraph organizer below to organize ideas before writing framed paragraphs.

TOPIC FOCUS (MY Title): _____

(Topic Sentence/ Introduction): _____

Supporting Detail #1 _____

Supporting Detail #2 _____

Supporting Detail #3 _____

Supporting Detail #4 _____

(Restate topic sentence) _____

(Concluding Sentence): _____

Framed Paragraphs (Continued)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Frame for Conclusions

Name _____

The _____ (story, event, science experiment, math problem, period of history, etc) shows that (helps us to conclude that) _____

There are several reasons why. First, _____

A second reason is _____

Finally, _____

In conclusion, _____ is _____
because _____

Refer to next page for more Framed Paragraphs Activities.

Framed Paragraphs (*Continued*)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Frame for Conclusions

At the end of _____ (story title, event, science experiment, math problem, period of history, etc), the reader (writer) can draw the conclusion that _____

_____ (Topic Sentence)

This conclusion is based on information in the story (event, science experiment, math problem, period of history, etc), and personal knowledge. First, the author (evidence, facts, calculation, etc) says/shows that _____

_____ (information in the story- Detail # 1).

Second, _____

_____ (information in the story- Detail # 2)

Another detail (fact, observation) that leads us to this conclusion is _____

(information in the story-Detail # 3). Personal experience and knowledge of the world also tells us that _____

_____ (personal knowledge-Detail # 4)

The reader can draw the conclusion that _____

_____. This is because of _____ (information),
and _____ (information)

Personal experience and general knowledge about _____

help the reader to arrive at this conclusion.

Refer to next page for more Framed Paragraphs Activities.

Framed Paragraphs (*Continued*)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer for Conclusions

Conclusions & Generalizations Model

MAIN IDEA:

DETAIL:

DETAIL:

DETAIL:

ADD WHAT I KNOW ON THE SUBJECT:

1

2

POSSIBLE CONCLUSIONS:

1

2

POSSIBLE GENERALIZATIONS: (*How does this apply to the bigger picture of life? Is there a lesson to be learned?*)

1

2

Refer to next page for more Framed Paragraphs Activities.

Framed Paragraphs (Continued)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer for Conclusions

Drawing Conclusions from Information

Title/Topic/Chapter _____

Fact from the reading:

What I know about it myself:

Fact from the reading:

What I know about it myself:

CONCLUSIONS

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Fact from the reading:

What I know about it myself:

Fact from the reading:

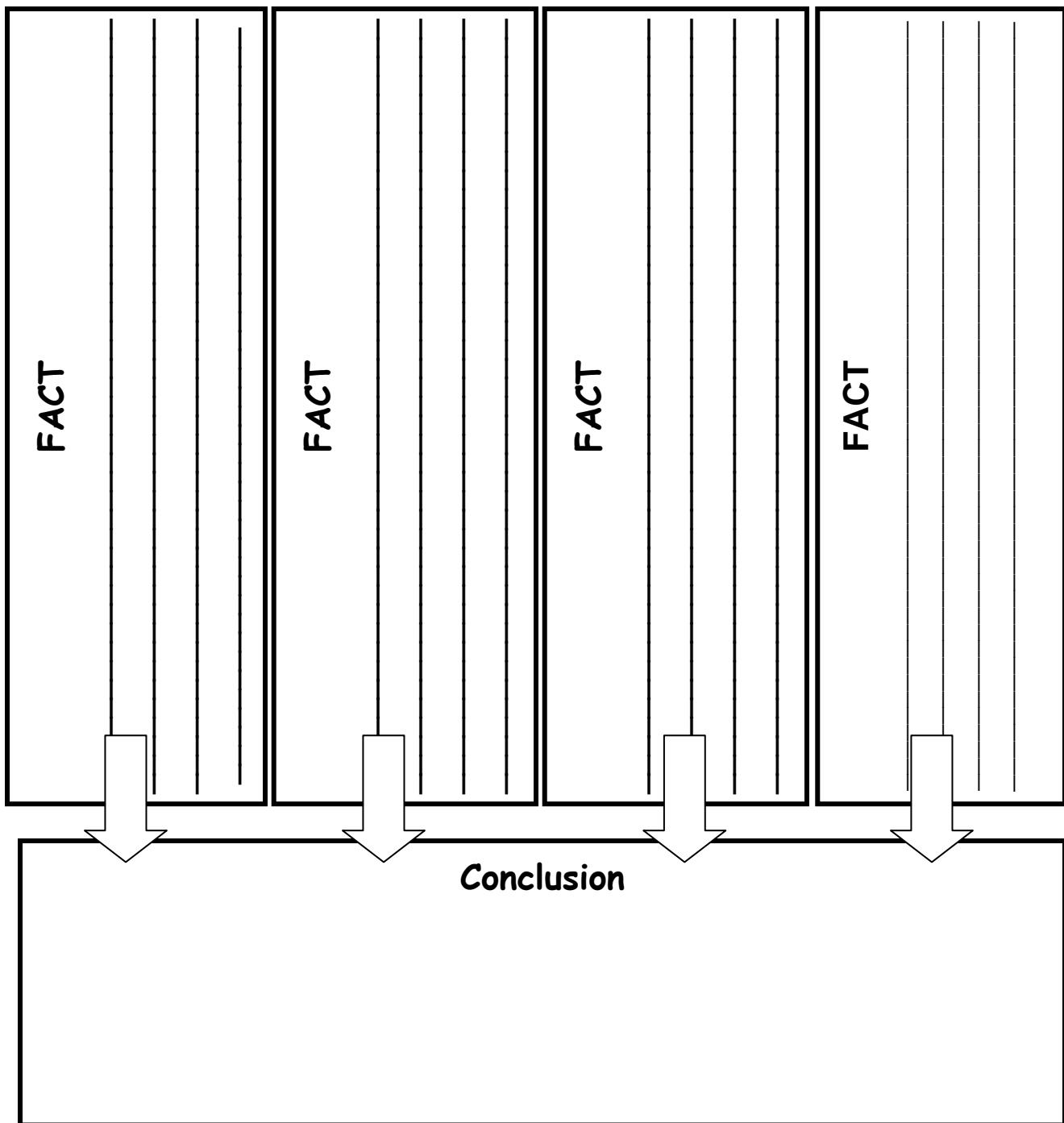
What I know about it myself:

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Framed Paragraphs (Continued)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer for Conclusions

Identify **one** conclusion from the reading, text, or lesson summary and **four** important facts that support that conclusion. You may use facts from your knowledge to support the conclusion. Complete the chart.



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Framed Paragraphs (Continued)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Frame for Historical Setting

Getting Started:

Identify Where (Location, place): _____

Identify When (Time, time period, era): _____

Historical Facts to Explore: _____

Historical Setting

The details of the setting of _____ are important for several reasons (*Topic Sentence*) The story (*event, incident, experiment, etc*) _____ takes place during _____ (when)
in/at _____ (where)

The time of the story is important because _____
_____ (Detail #1)

The place the story occurs is also important to understanding the story.
The main events take place _____
_____ (where) During

this period of time, there was great interest in _____
_____ (Detail #2)

Some other important details about the setting include _____
and _____
_____ (Detail #3) The writer _____

uses the setting of the story to _____

_____ (make his/her characters interesting, make the plot of the story come to life, tell her/his point of view, etc.) (Conclusion)

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Framed Paragraphs (Continued)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Frame for Predicting

Use the following questions as starters for predicting:

Who/ what do you think _____ is (is used for)?

Why do you think _____? What happened to _____?

What do you think _____ will do?

How do you think _____ will react when _____?

What do you think happened to _____ when _____?

Predicting

In _____ (story, text, experiment, poem, math problem, etc), the active reader (*learner*) wants to know more, and naturally begins to ask questions and predict the answers (*Topic Sentence*). One example is _____.

The reader (*mathematician/ historian/ scientist, etc*) asks the question, _____.

_____, and might predict that _____.

_____. (*Detail #1*) Another example is _____.

_____. The reader (*mathematician/ historian/ scientist, etc*) asks the question, _____.

_____, and might predict that _____.

_____. (*Detail #2*). A third question the reader (*mathematician/ historian/ scientist, etc*) asks is _____.

_____. The reader (*mathematician/historian/ scientist, etc*) asks the question, _____.

_____, and might predict that _____.

_____. (*Detail #3*) The writer (*textbook, math problem, experiment, etc*) provides details that cause the reader to think, ask questions, and predict the answers, which the reader (*mathematician/historian/ scientist, etc*) looks for later (*Conclusion*).

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Framed Paragraphs (*Continued*)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer for Predicting **PREDICTING** (*Pre-Reading Strategies: Preview & Predict*)

Directions: Think about the topic. What questions do you have? Write your questions. Next, predict an answer to each question based on what you know so far. Later return to the questions and predictions to see how well you did. Check off the ones you can check.



TITLE/TOPIC/TEXT _____

Question to ask...? (I wonder...)

Make a prediction:

CHECK

Question to ask...? (I wonder...)

Make a prediction:

CHECK

Question to ask...? (I wonder...)

Make a prediction:

CHECK

Question to ask...? (I wonder...)

Make a prediction:

CHECK

Question to ask...? (I wonder...)

Make a prediction:

CHECK

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Framed Paragraphs (*Continued*)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Frame for Significant Details

Identifying Significant Details

Use questions as starters for identifying details: Who? Why? How? Where? What? When?

In the _____ (*text/ novel/ story/ experiment/ math problem/ poem/ essay/ novel, etc*) _____,

there are several significant details that help the reader (*learner, mathematician/ historian/ scientist, etc*) follow the action (*steps, problem, story, etc*) (*Topic Sentence*) First, (*who—Detail #1*) _____.

(*what—Detail #2*) _____. Another important detail is _____.

The third detail important to the story (*text/ novel/ story/ experiment/ math problem/ poem/ essay/ novel, etc*) is (*where—Detail #3*). _____. Also significant

is (*when—Detail #4*) _____. A key element of the _____

(*text/ novel/ story/ experiment/ math problem/ poem/ essay/ novel, etc*) is (*why—Detail #5*) _____.

Finally, the writer (*textbook, math problem, experiment, etc*) tells (*how—Detail #6*). _____

All of these details are significant because _____

(Conclusion).

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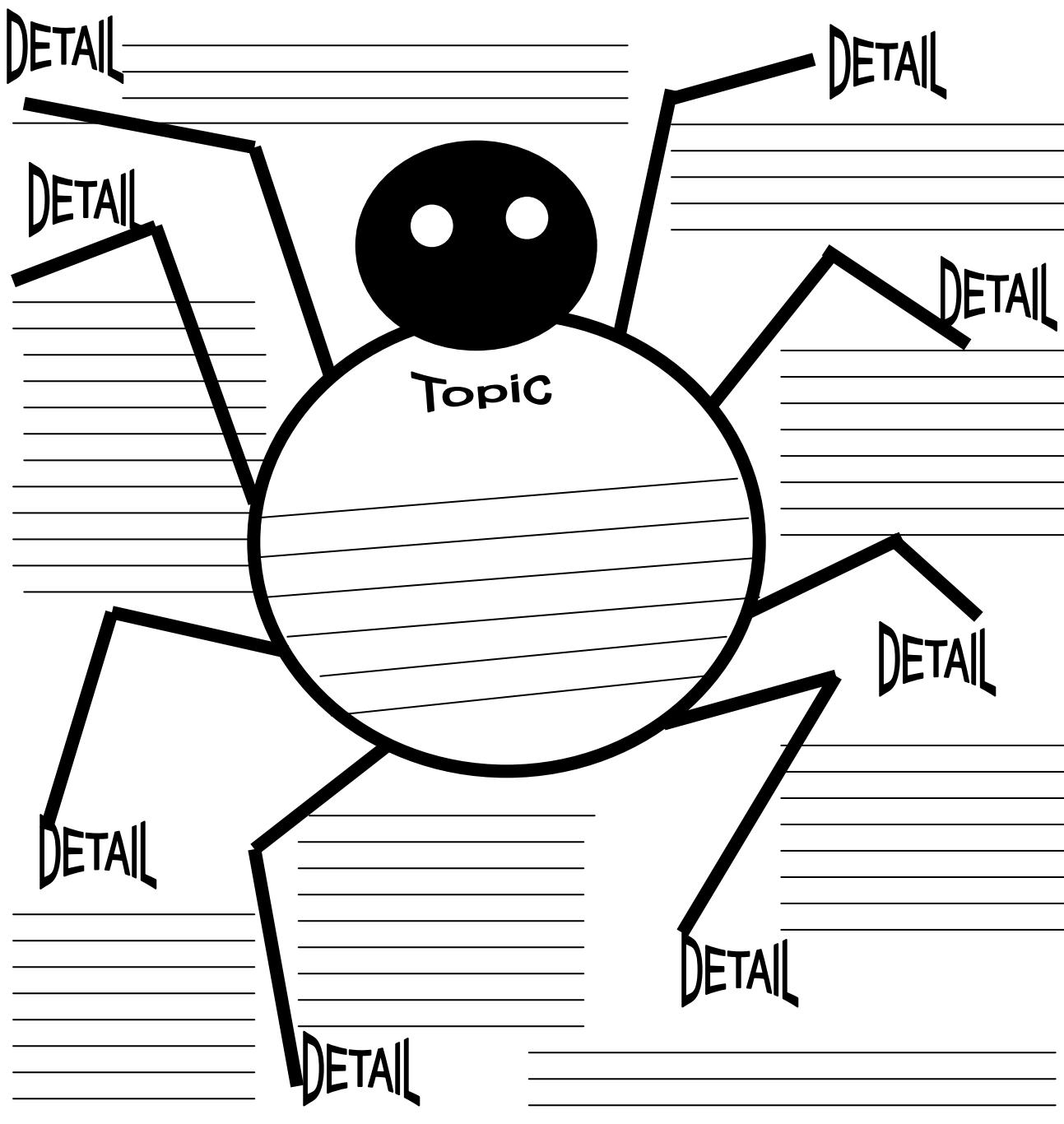
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Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer for Details

Details

Text Topic/ Title _____

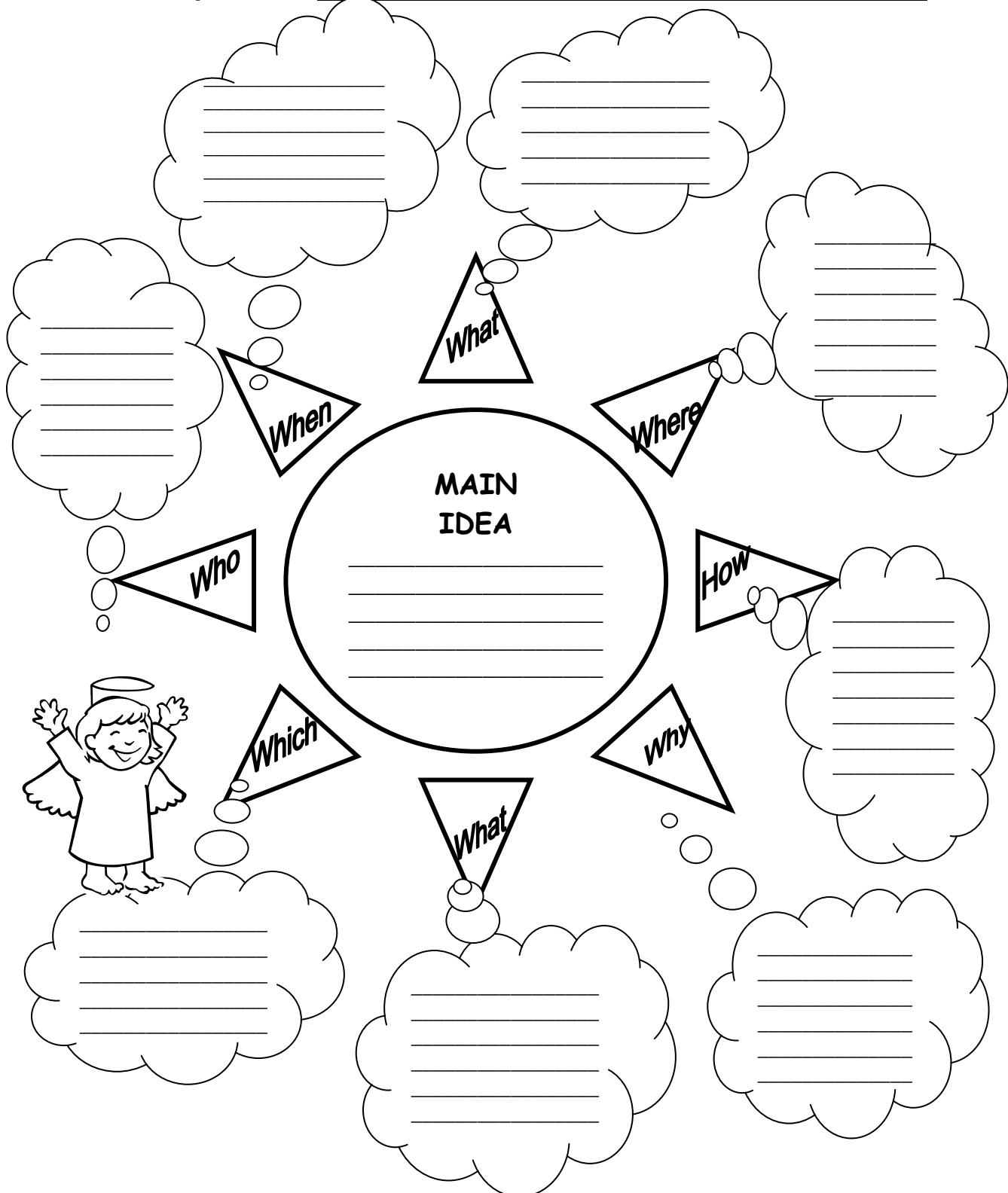
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Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer for Significant Details
Identifying Significant Details

Title/Topic/Text: _____



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Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer for Significant Details

Identifying Significant Details

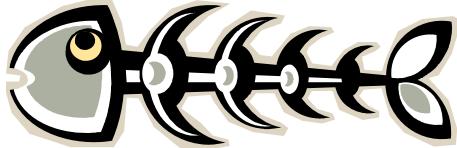
Title/Topic/Text: _____

Sensory (touch, taste, smell, sound, sight)	Definitions	Reasons (why)	
Facts (who, what, where, when, how)	Descriptions	Examples	Statistics (how much/many)

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Identifying Significant Details

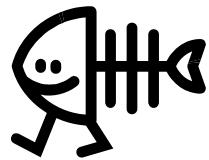
Title/Topic/Text: _____



1. WHO

2. WHAT

3. WHEN



1.

2.

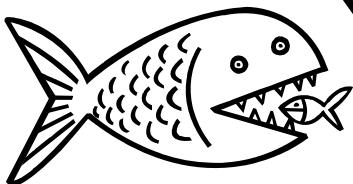
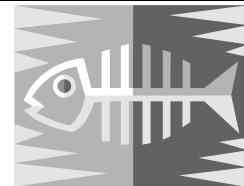
3.

MAIN IDEA: _____

4.

5.

6.



1. WHERE

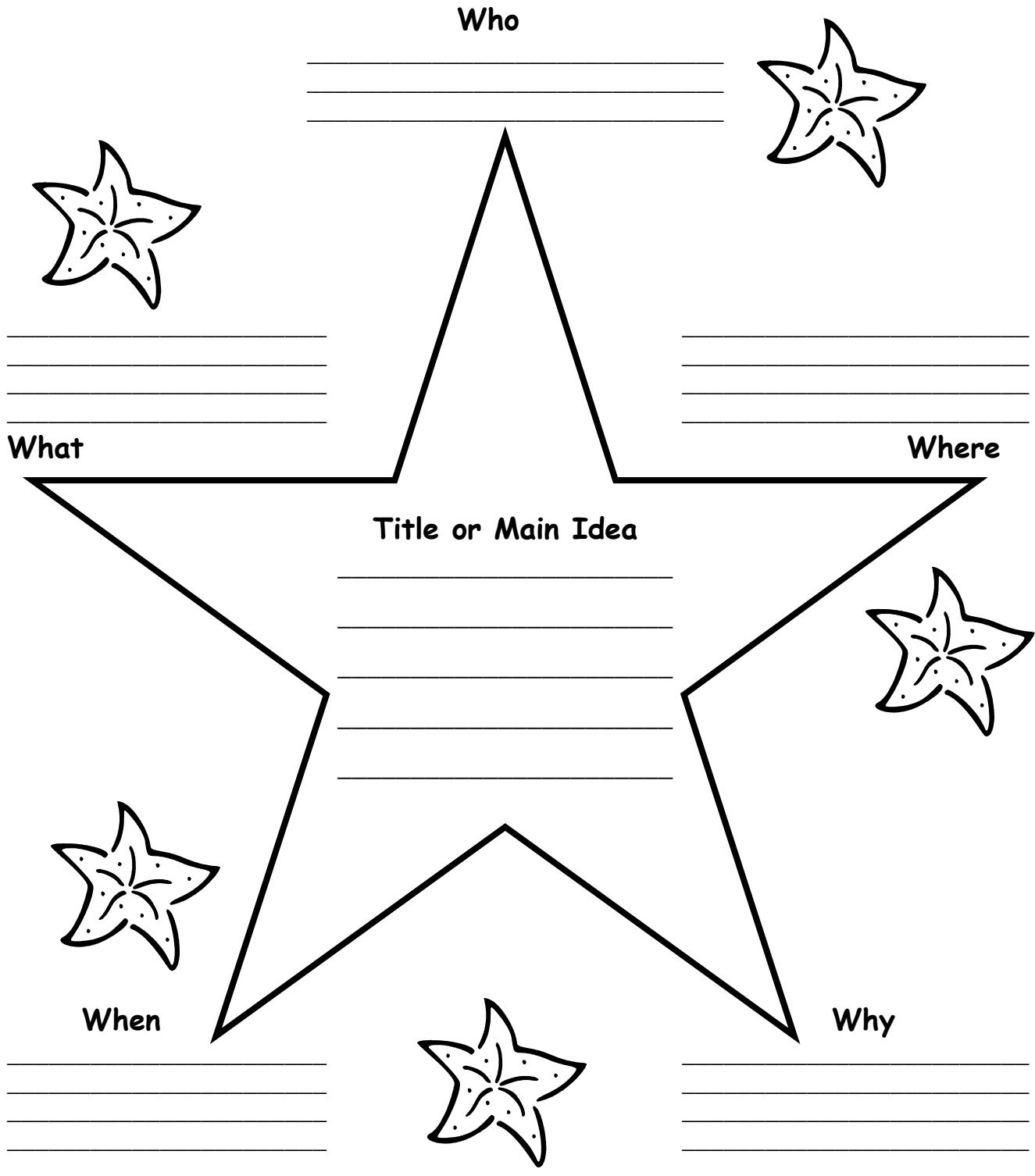
2. HOW

3. WHY

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Identifying Significant Details

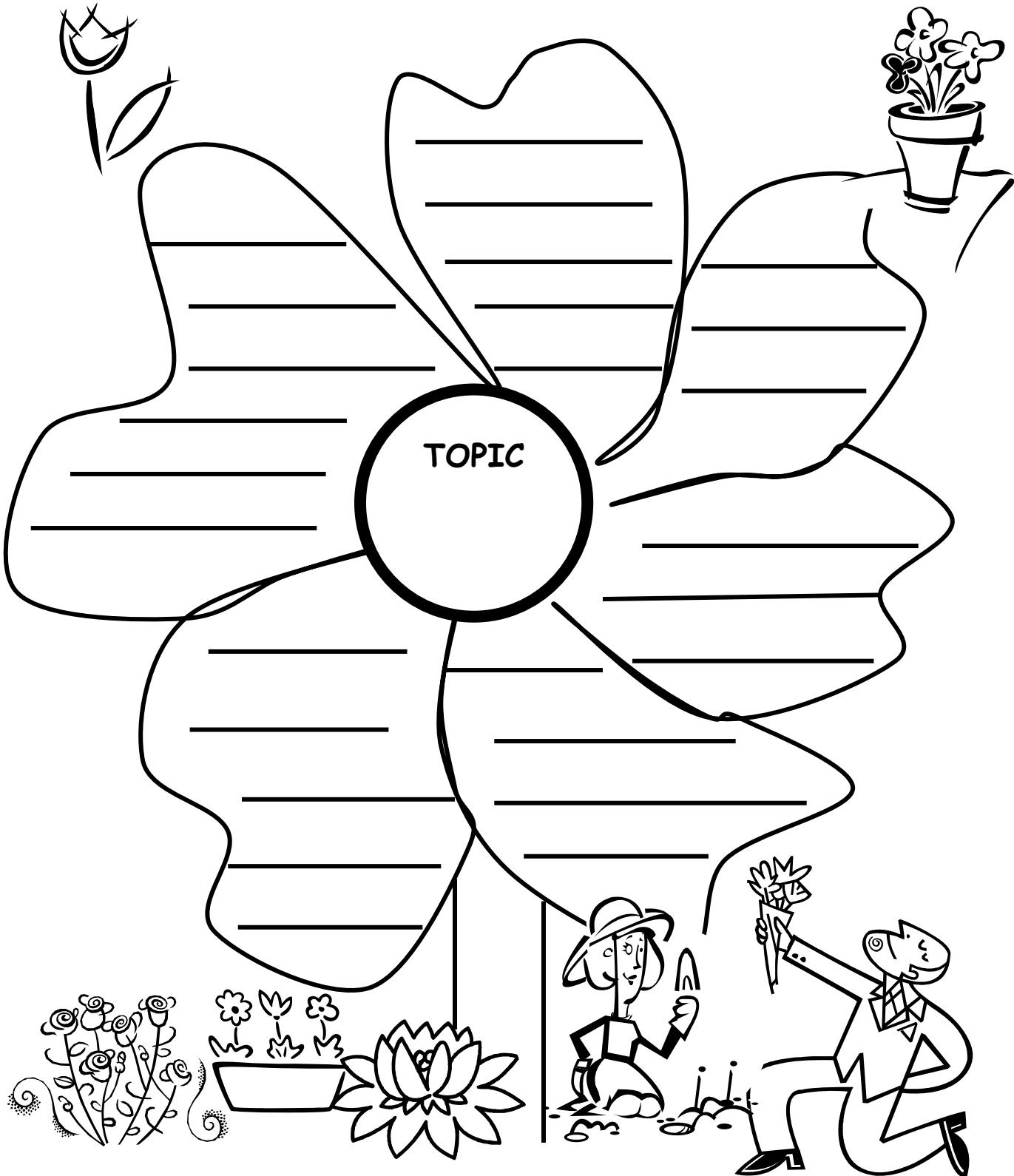
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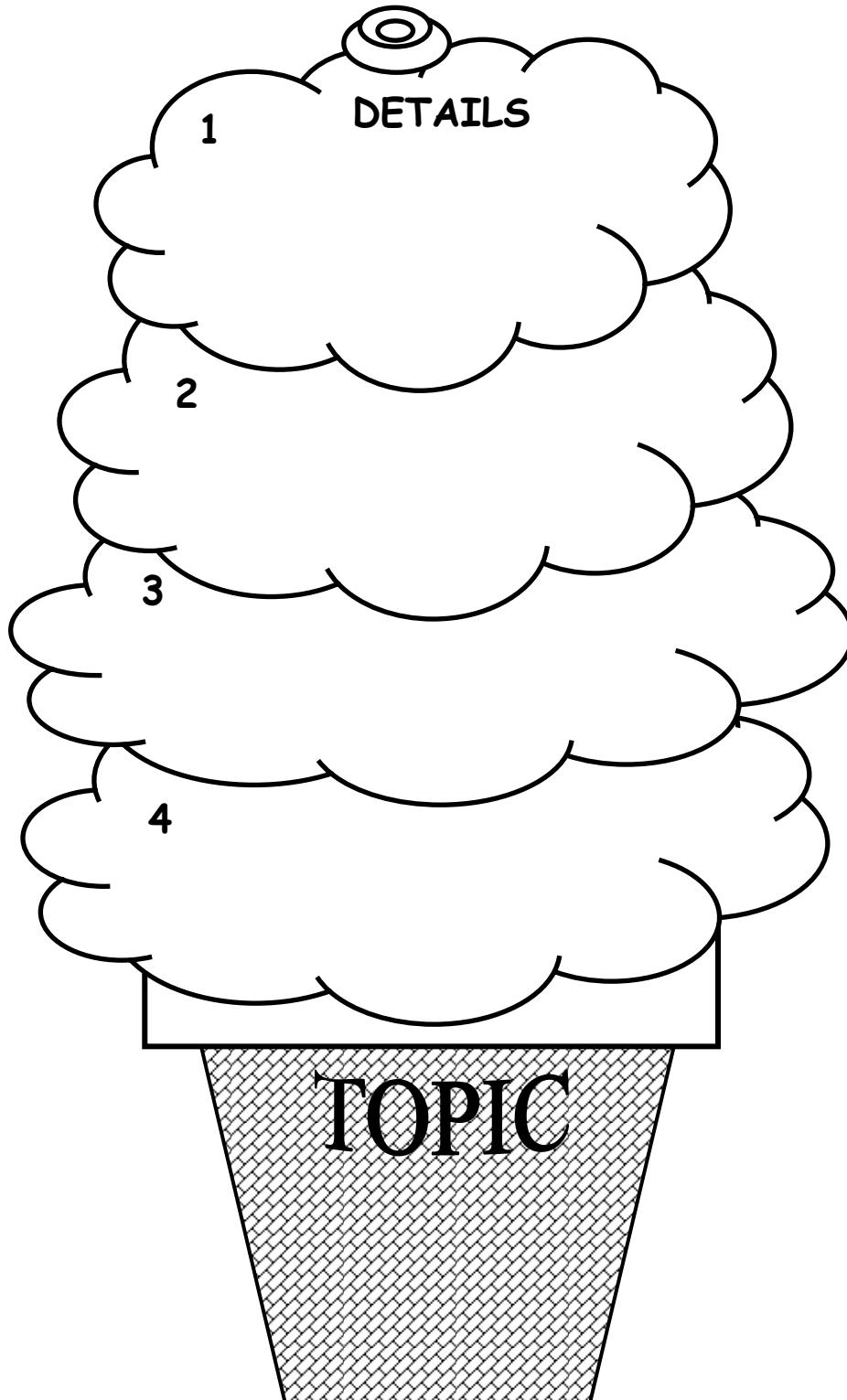
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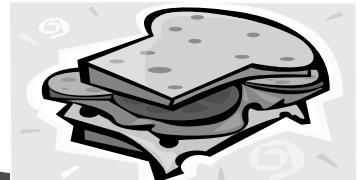
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Identifying Significant Details

Title/Topic/Text: _____



TOPIC: _____

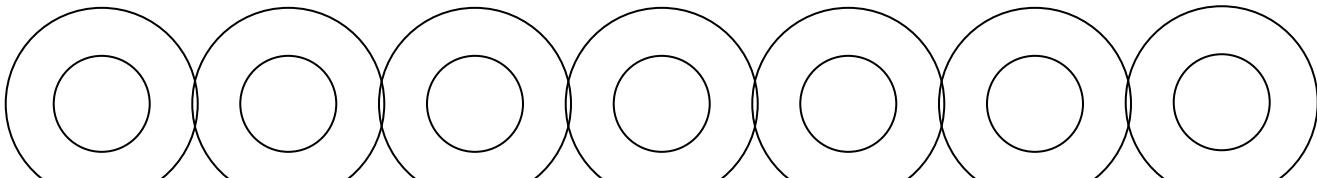
DETAIL _____



DETAIL _____



DETAIL _____



DETAIL _____

CONCLUSION: _____

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Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Frame for Main Idea

Title/Topic/Text: _____

Main Idea

In the reading (*story, text, experiment, poem, math problem, etc*), _____
the main idea of _____ is _____
(*Topic Sentence*)

Significant details (*events*) include _____
_____, _____, and _____.
First, there are details about (*Detail #1*) _____

In addition, there are references to (*information about*) (*Detail #2*) _____
The reader can figure out that the writer is talking about (*restate main idea*)
because (*Detail #3*) _____.

The significant details (*briefly summarize some key details*) _____
_____, _____,
and _____ lead us back to the same
main idea (*restate main idea*) _____
(*Conclusion*)

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Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Frame for Main Idea
Title/Topic/Text: _____

Main Idea

A (the) main idea in _____
(story, event, science experiment, math problem, period of history, etc), is _____.

One example is _____

Another example is _____

A third example is _____

In conclusion, the main idea of the (story, event, science experiment, math problem, period of history, etc) _____ is _____.

The main idea helps the (reader, learner, mathematician/ historian/scientist, etc) _____ to understand _____.

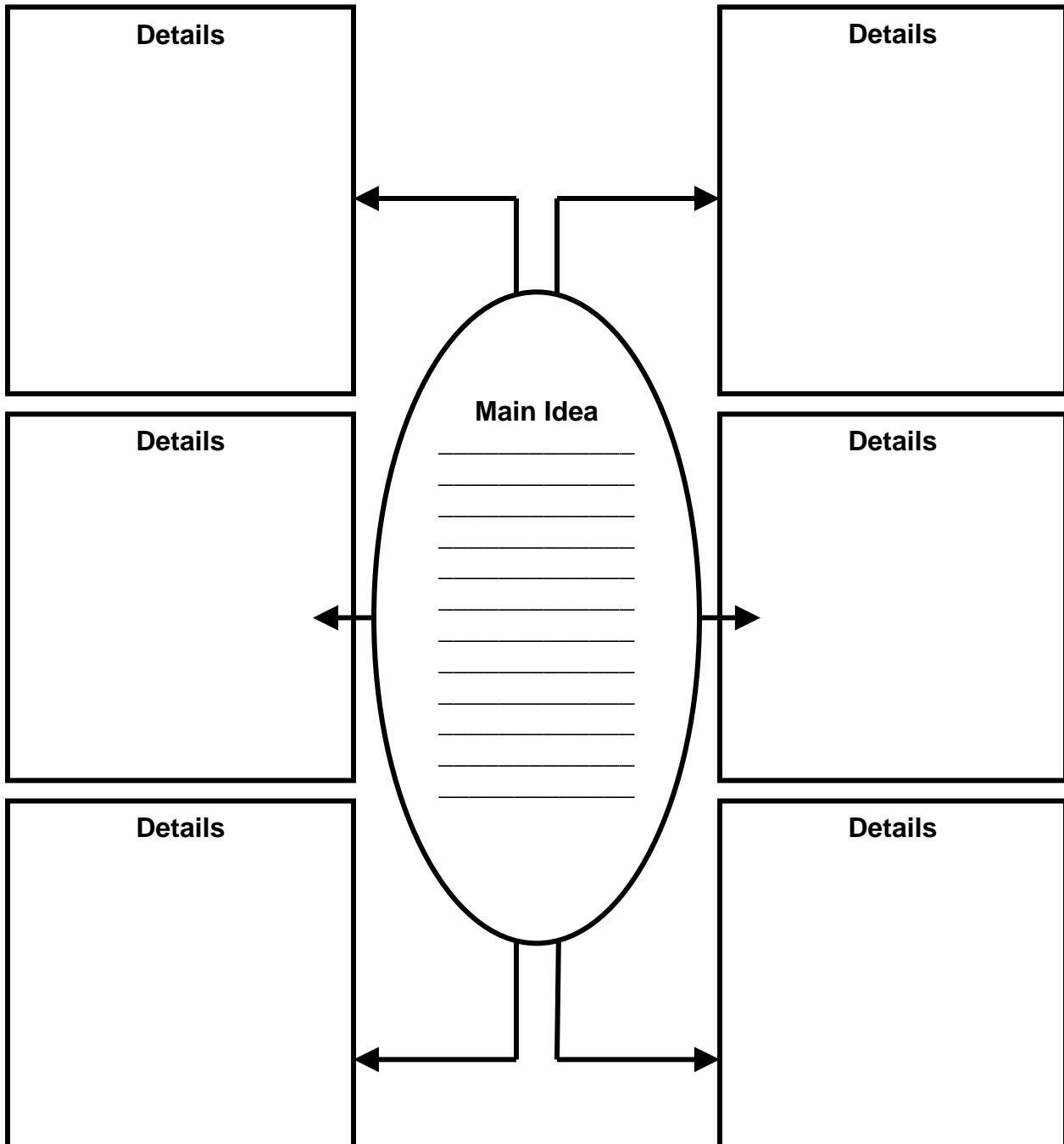
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Framed Paragraph: Paragraph Organizer for Main Idea & Details

MAIN IDEA and DETAILS

Title/Topic/Text: _____

Identify the **main idea** and **details** from the text or lesson summary



Refer to next page for more *Framed Paragraphs Activities*

Framed Paragraphs (Continued)
Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer
Main Idea & Details

Directions: Use the paragraph organizer below to organize ideas before writing framed paragraphs.

Text Topic/ Title _____

Main Idea (Topic Sentence)

DETAIL: _____

DETAIL: _____

DETAIL: _____

Concluding Sentence (Restate Topic) _____

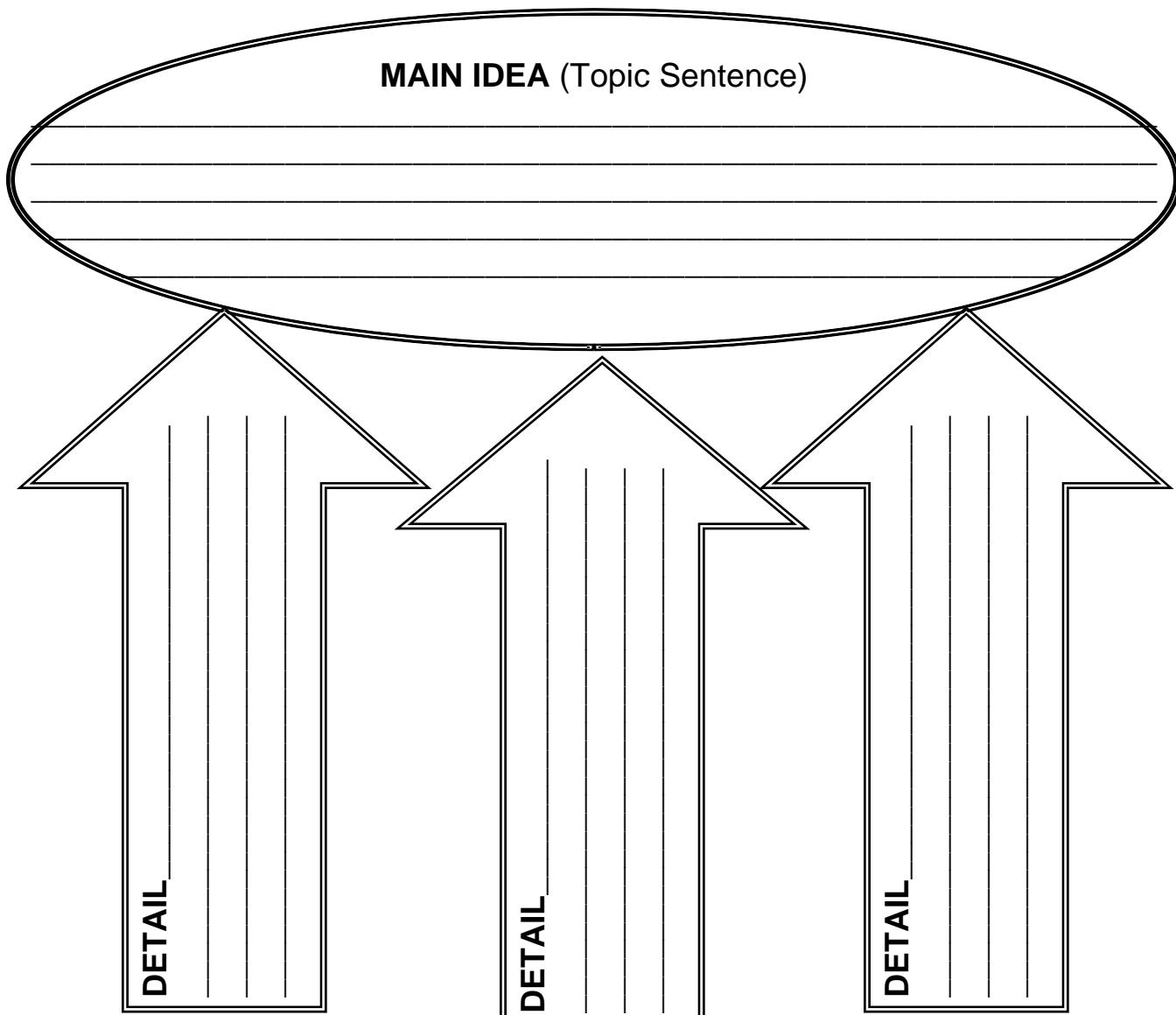
Sentence using different words)

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Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer

Main Idea & Details

Text Topic/ Title _____

Directions: Use the paragraph organizer below to organize ideas before writing framed paragraphs.



Concluding Sentence (Restate the topic Sentence using different words):

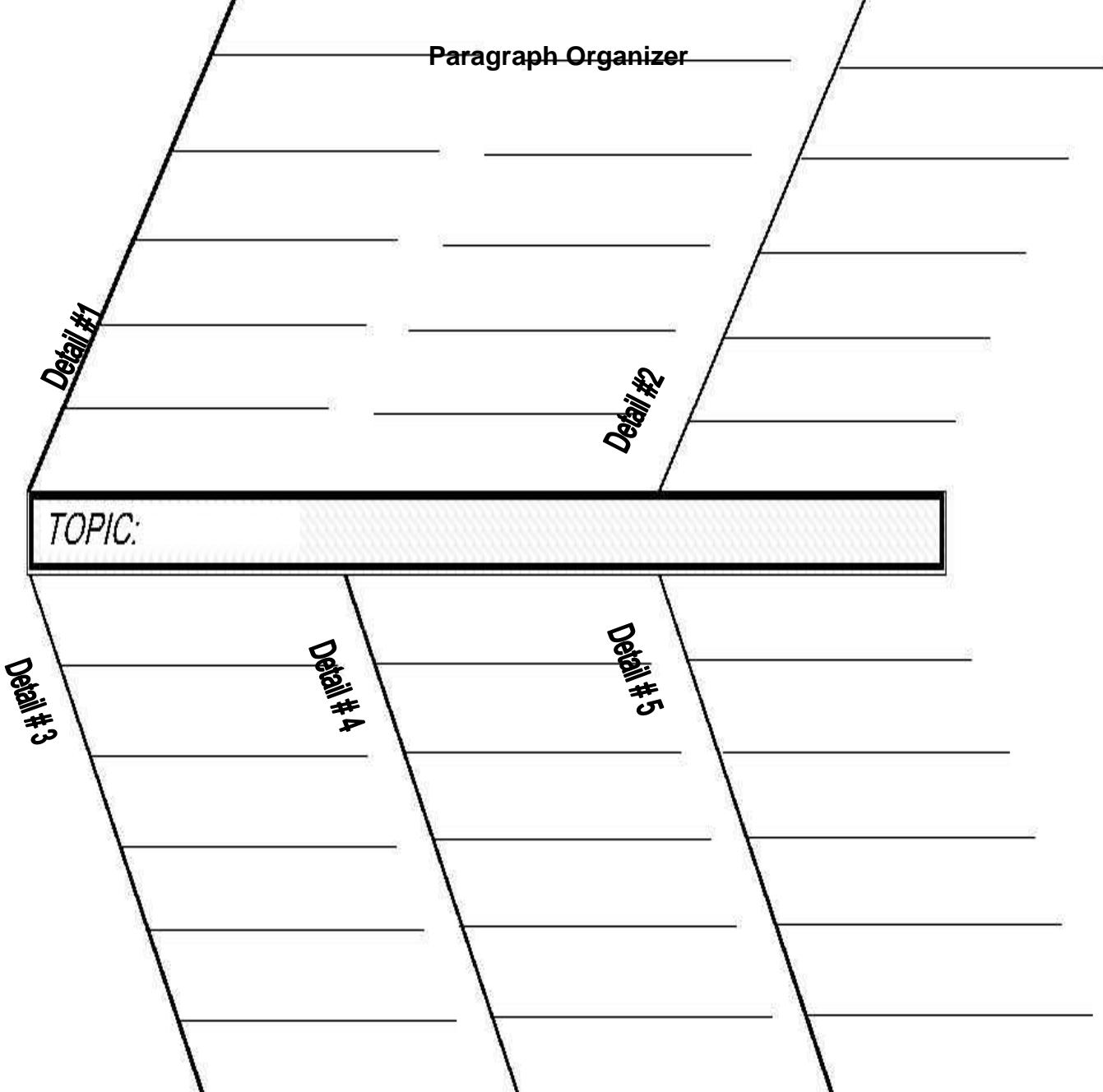
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Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer

Main Idea & Details

Text Topic/ Title _____

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Framed Paragraphs (Continued)
Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer

Main Idea & Details

Text/ Topic/ Title _____



Framed Paragraphs (*Continued*)

Framed Paragraphs Activity: Paragraph Frame for Sequencing

Text Topic/ Title _____

Sequencing

Chronological/Time Order Story/History/Observation Frame

In the _____

(story, event, period of history, science experiment, math problem, etc), there are three important _____ (events, steps, directions, etc). First, _____

Second, _____

Next, _____

In conclusion, _____

Refer to next page for more Framed Paragraphs Activities.

Framed Paragraphs (Continued)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer for Sequencing

Text Topic/ Title _____

Directions: Write sentences in the chart placing the events/ steps in the order in which they happened.

Sequencing	
1 st (FIRST)	
2 nd	
3 rd	
4 th	
5 th	
6 th	
7 th	
8 th	
9 th	
10 th (LAST)	

Refer to next page for more Framed Paragraphs Activities

Framed Paragraphs (*Continued*)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer for Sequencing



Text Topic/ Title _____

(Chronological Order, Steps in a Process, Giving & Following Directions)



Sequencing

First,

Second,

Third,

Next,

After that,

Then,

Finally,

Refer to next page for more Framed Paragraphs Activities

Framed Paragraphs (Continued)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer for Sequencing

Sequencing

(Chronological Order, Steps in a Process, Giving & Following Directions)

Text Topic/ Title _____

First,

Second,

Third,

Next,

Then,

Subsequently,

Following that,

Later,

Finally,

Refer to next page for more Framed Paragraphs Activities

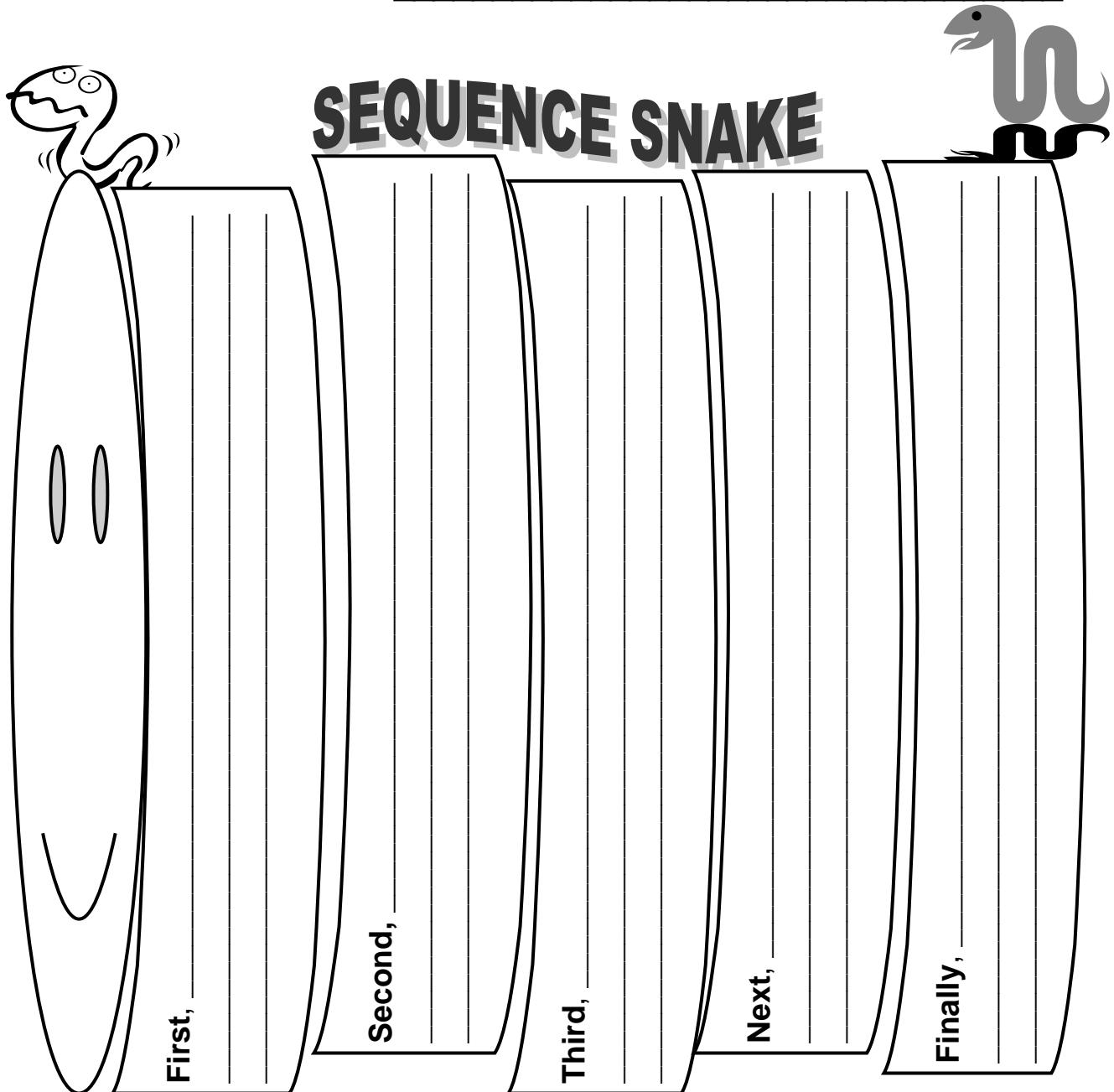
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Sequencing

(Chronological Order, Steps in a Process, Giving & Following Directions)

TITLE/TOPIC/TEXT _____



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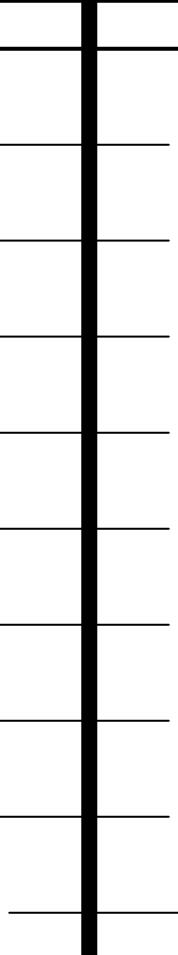
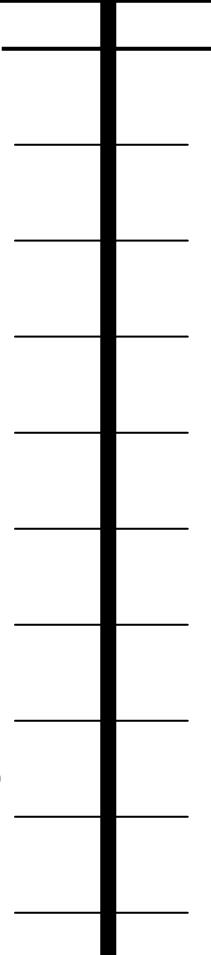
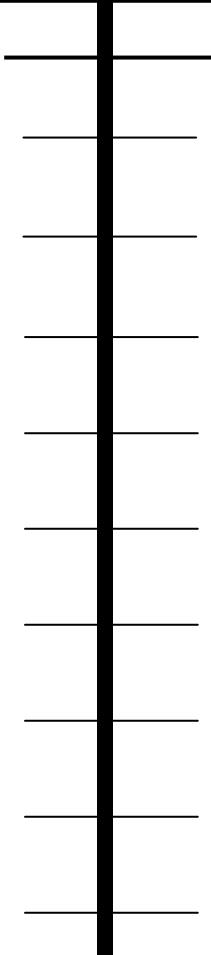
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Framed Paragraph: Paragraph Organizer for Sequencing (Timelines) Sequencing (Timeline—Chronological Order)



TIMELINE(S) for _____

Directions: Complete the timeline below for a series of events, steps, days, dates, years, etc. Write the start time (*date, event, result*), or end time (*date, event, result*) in the boxes. Identify the markers or “line labels” for the date or information (*Time, date, year, event, day, etc.*). Use as many boxes and “line labels” as you need.



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Framed Paragraph: Paragraph Organizer for Sequencing (Timelines) Sequencing (Timeline—Chronological/Time Order)

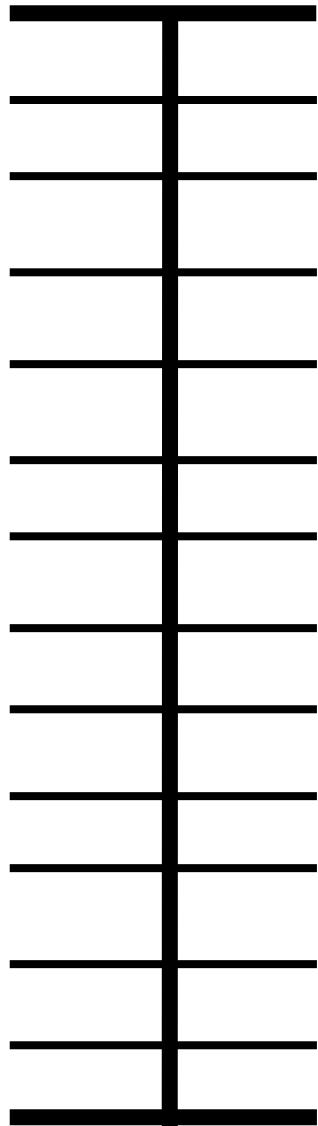


TIMELINE/ INTERVAL for _____

Directions: Complete the timeline below for a series of events, steps, days, dates, years, etc. Identify an interval of time. Chart the order of events during that limited interval of time. Write the "BEGIN" time (*date, event, result*), and "END" time (*date, event, result*). Identify the markers or "line labels" for the date or information (*Time, date, year, event, day, etc.*). Use as many boxes and "line labels" as you need.

TIME INTERVAL

Begin _____
End _____



EVENTS

IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____
- 9 _____
- 10 _____
- 11 _____
- 12 _____
- 13 _____
- 14 _____

Framed Paragraphs (Continued)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Frame for Cause & Effect

Cause & Effect

Note: Here are some signal words for identifying cause & effect relationships:

As a result	Due to	Consequently	Since	Therefore	Because	Due to the fact that
For this/that reason	So that	Nevertheless	For	Thus	If...then	This/that is how

TITLE/TOPIC/TEXT _____

There are several examples of cause and effect in the (*story, text, experiment, lesson, chapter, poem, math problem, etc*) _____

(Topic Sentence) First, (Detail #1) _____

_____. Another example of cause and effect is (Detail #2) _____

The third example of cause and effect is (Detail #3) _____

The writer (*textbook, math problem, experiment, etc*) _____
uses/(has) _____ examples of cause and effect to help the reader (*learner, mathematician/ historian/ scientist, etc*) _____

(understand complicated relationships in the story, follow the action, to make the story more enjoyable, to make the experiment easier to understand, to explain the period of history, etc.)
(Conclusion)

Refer to next page for more on Framed Paragraphs

Framed Paragraphs (Continued)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer Cause-Effect

Cause & Effect

Directions: Identify cause & effect relationships. Write them in the correct areas of the chart.
Here are some signal words for cause & effect:

As a result, Due to, For, Since, Therefore, Because, Due to the fact that, For this/that reason, So that, Nevertheless, Consequently, Thus, If...then, This/that is how

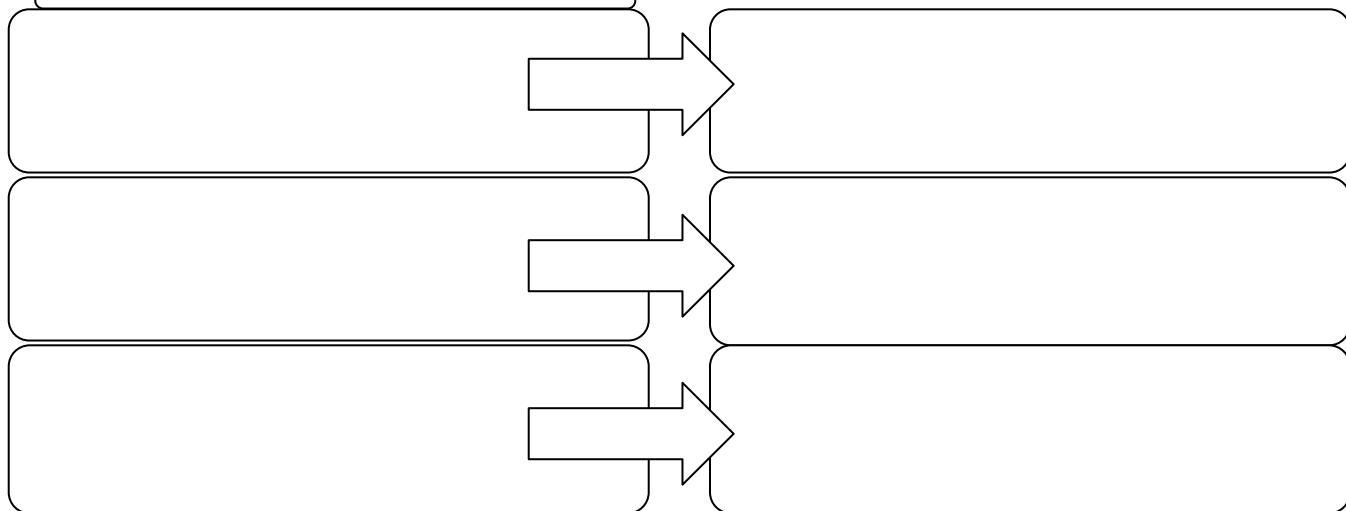
TITLE/TOPIC/TEXT _____

Cause (Reason)

Effect (Result)

EVENT #1: What happened **FIRST?**

EVENT #2: What happened **SECOND?**

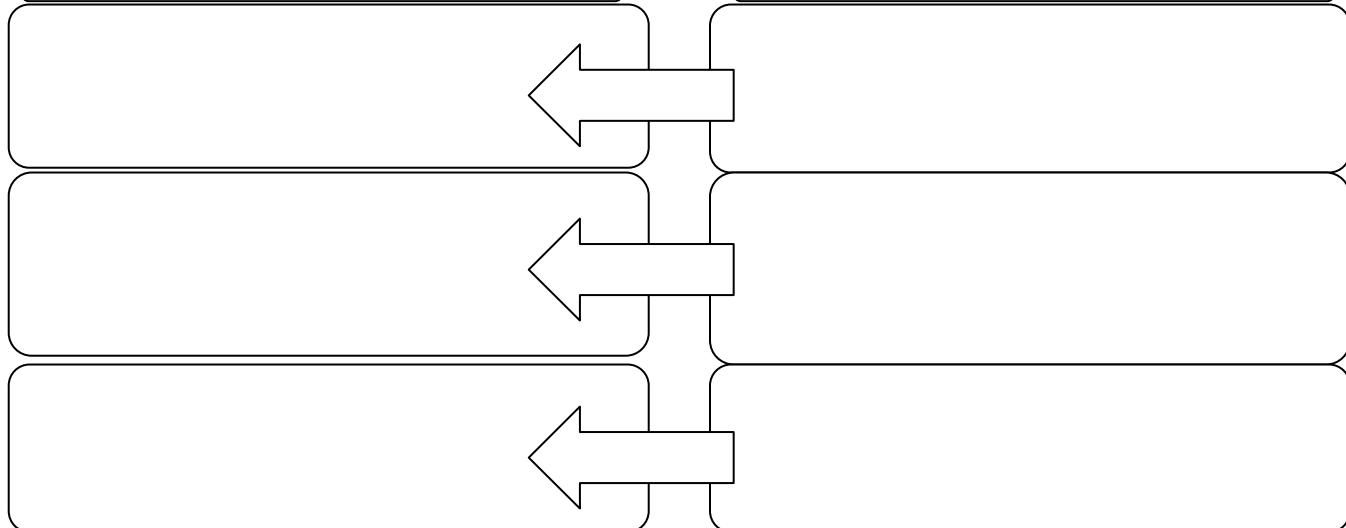


Effect (Result)

EVENT #2: What happened **SECOND?**

Cause (Reason)

EVENT #1: What happened **FIRST?**

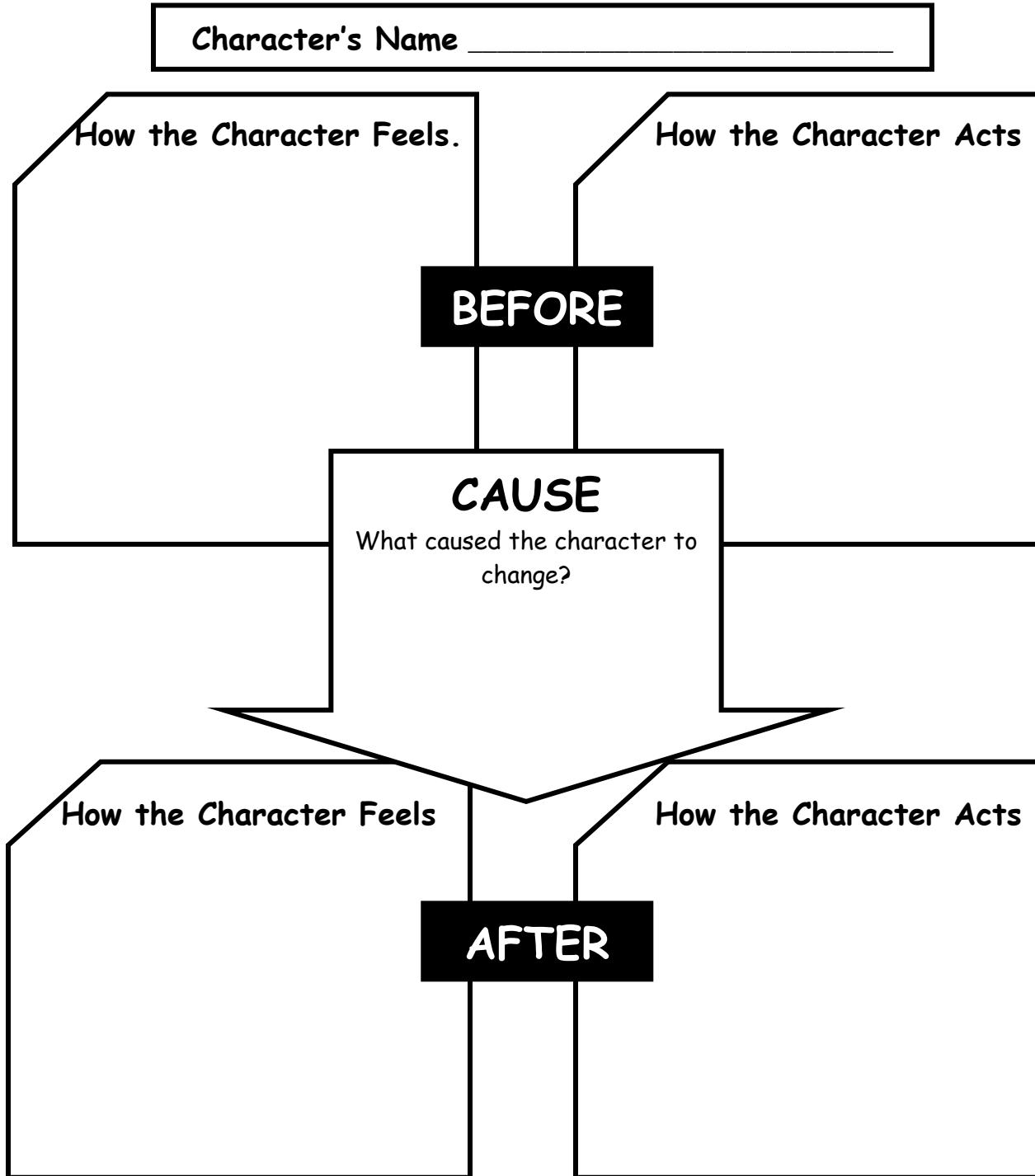


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Framed Paragraph Activity; Paragraph Organizer—Cause & Effect
(Character Development—Before/ After)

TITLE/TOPIC/TEXT _____

Directions: Identify a character from literature, history, science, etc. Describe the character before something caused him/her to change. Describe the character after something caused him/her to change. Write the **cause** of that change (The change is the result or effect of the cause)



Framed Paragraphs (Continued)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer Cause-Effect

Cause & Effect

Directions: Identify (4) cause & effect relationships in the lesson and write them in the correct areas of the chart. Here are some signal words for cause & effect:

As a result, Due to, For, Since, Therefore, Because, Due to the fact that, For this/that reason, So that, Nevertheless, Consequently, Thus, If...then, This/that is how

TITLE/TOPIC/TEXT

Example: The Emancipation Proclamation was the result of the American Abolition Movement.

Cause (Reason—Why?)

The American abolition movement

Effect (Result—What happened?)

The Emancipation Proclamation

Example: The seed germinated because it had good soil, sunlight, and enough water.

Cause (Reason—Why?)

Good soil, sunlight, and water

Effect (Result—What happened?)

The seed germinated

Example: The students studied for the test. Consequently, they received high scores.

Cause (Reason—Why?)

The students studied for the test

Effect (Result—What happened?)

They received high scores

Example: I multiplied the length by the width. That is how I found the correct area of a rectangle.

Cause (Reason—Why?)

I multiplied the length by the width

Effect (Result—What happened?)

I found the correct area of a rectangle.

Cause (Reason—Why?)

Effect (Result—What happened?)

Framed Paragraphs (*Continued*)

**Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer Cause-Effect
CAUSE & EFFECT**

TITLE/TOPIC/TEXT _____

CAUSE

EFFECT

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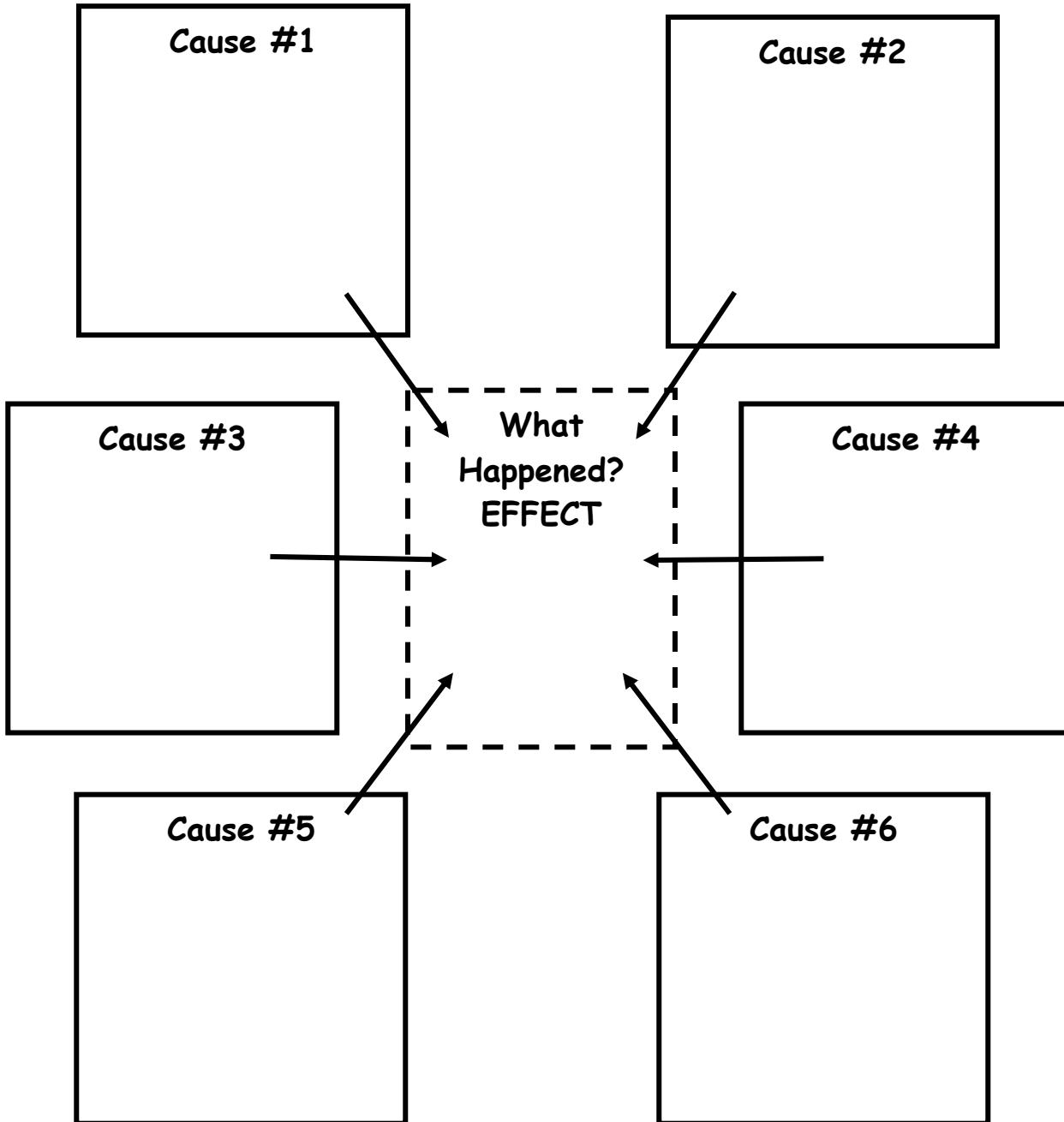
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Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer Cause-Effect

CAUSE & EFFECT: Effect with Several Causes

TITLE/TOPIC/TEXT _____

A CAUSE-EFFECT relationship occurs when something happened (the effect), and we know the cause of the event (the reason, why it happened). One cause can have many different effects or results. One effect can have many different causes. Identify SEVERAL CAUSES of ONE EFFECT.



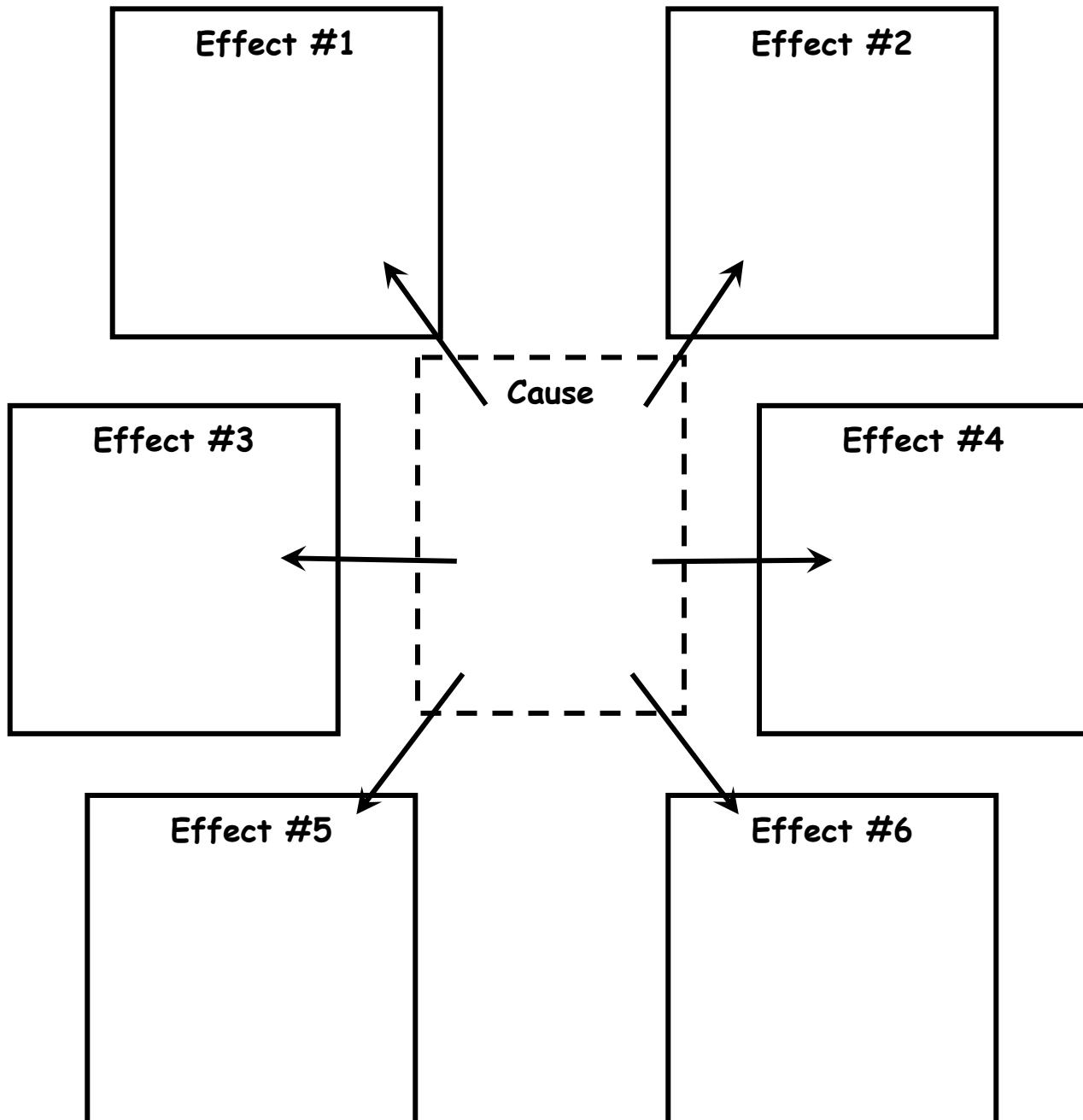
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Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer Cause-Effect

CAUSE & EFFECT: Cause with Several Effects

TITLE/TOPIC/TEXT _____

A CAUSE-EFFECT relationship occurs when something happened (the effect), and we know the cause of the event (the reason, why it happened). One cause can have many different effects or results. One effect can have many different causes. Identify SEVERAL EFFECTS of ONE CAUSE.



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Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Frame-Compare/Contrast

Compare/Contrast—Decision Making

TITLE/TOPIC/TEXT _____

In the (story, text, experiment, lesson, chapter, poem, math problem, etc) _____
(character / s) _____

need(s) to make a difficult decision with different possible choices (or alternatives) (Topic Sentence). The question (decision, choice) is _____

If _____ (character/s) decide(s) _____

, there are advantages (pros). One advantage is (Detail #1) _____

A second advantage is (Detail #2) _____

The third advantage is (Detail #3) _____

On the other hand, if _____ (character/s)
decide(s) _____

, there are disadvantages (cons). One disadvantage is (Detail #1) _____

A second disadvantage is (Detail #2) _____

Another disadvantage is (Detail #3) _____

In the end, _____ (character/s) need(s) to
make a decision to _____

or _____.

In this writer's opinion, the decision should be _____

because _____

(Conclusion).

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Framed Paragraph Activity:

Paragraph Organizer--Compare & Contrast (Decision Making Model)

TITLE/TOPIC/TEXT _____

PROBLEM(S)

GOAL(S)

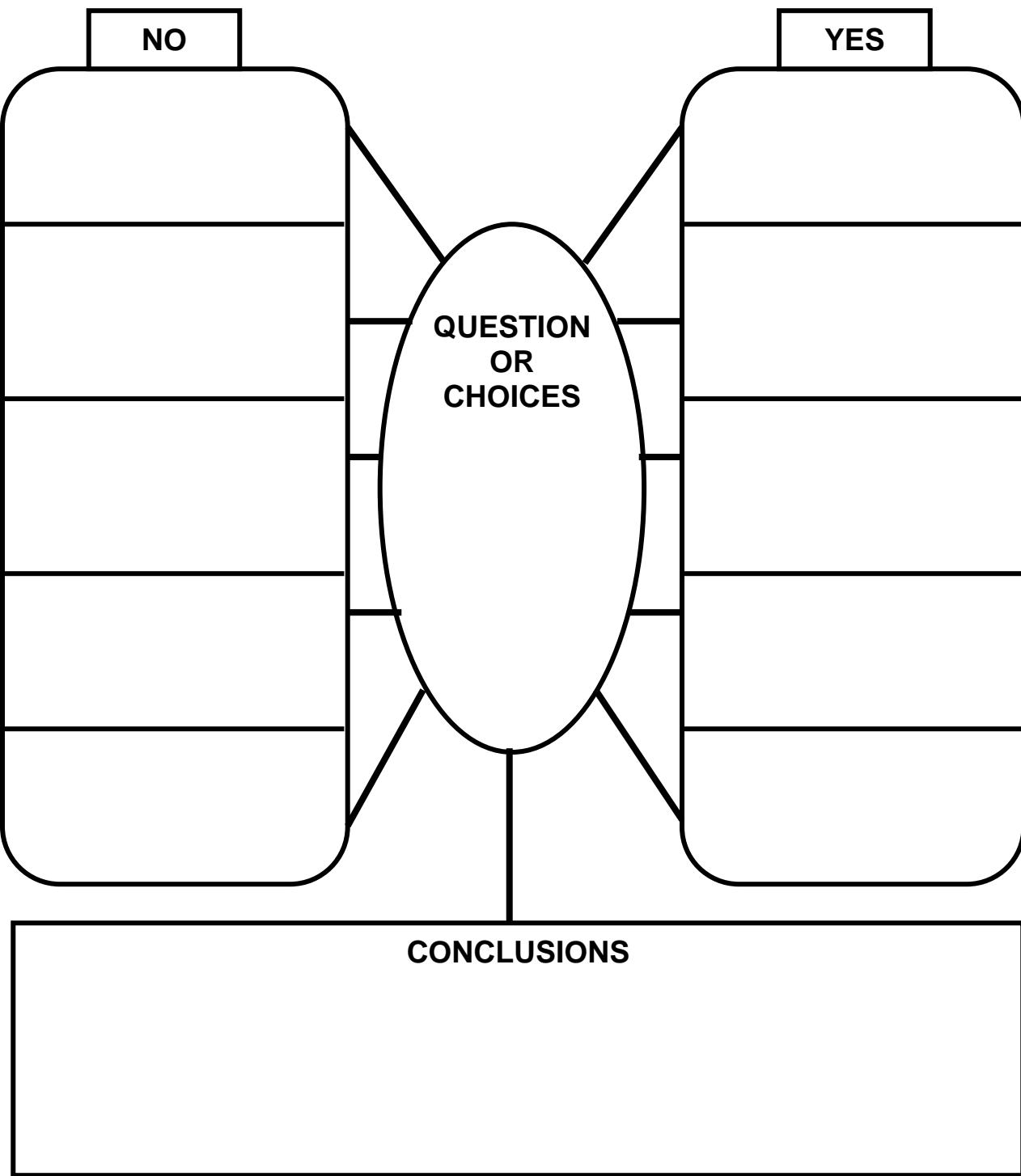
ALTERNATIVES	PROS (+) & CONS (-)
	(+)
	(-)
	(+)
	(-)
	(+)
	(-)
	(+)
	(-)
DECISION(S)	REASON(S)

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Framed Paragraph Activity:

Paragraph Organizer for: Compare & Contrast: Decision-Making Model

TITLE/TOPIC/TEXT _____



Framed Paragraphs Activities and Organizers (*Continued on next pages*)

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Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Frame for Compare/Contrast

Compare and Contrast

In the (story, event, period of history, science experiment, math problem, etc) _____, a comparison of _____

(FIRST element, character, event, result, concept, idea, person, place, thing, etc) and _____ (SECOND element, character, event, result, concept, idea, person, place, thing, etc) shows differences and similarities (Topic Sentence). The first _____ (similarity or difference) is _____

(State the first difference or Similarity-Supporting Detail #1) In addition, _____ (Name the FIRST element, character, event, result, concept, idea, person, place, thing, etc being compared) and _____ (Name the Second element, character, event, result, concept, idea, person, place, thing, etc being compared) are _____ (different/similar) because _____

(State the second difference or similarity—Supporting Detail #2). Finally, by comparison, _____ and _____ are (different/similar) (State the third/last difference or similarity—Supporting Detail #3) because _____

(similarity or difference) In conclusion, when comparing and contrasting the two _____ (characters, events, results, places, etc.) in the _____ (story, event, period of history, science experiment, math problem, etc), the _____ (similarities, differences, or similarities and differences) are evident. These (similarities, differences, or similarities and differences) _____ include _____

(Briefly restate Detail #1), _____

(Briefly restate Detail #2), and _____

(Briefly restate Detail #3) (Conclusion)

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Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Frame for Compare/Contrast

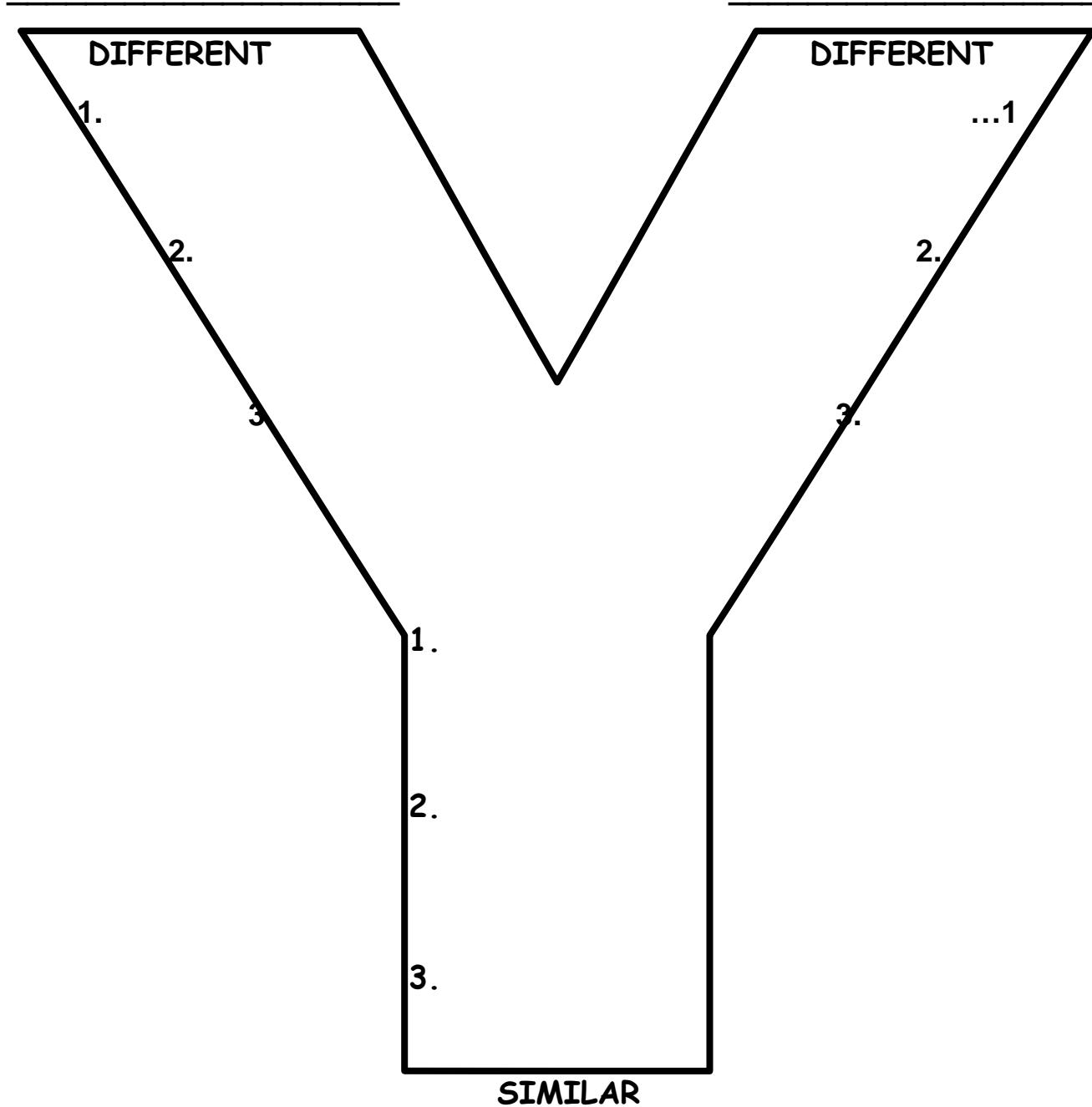
Compare and Contrast

TITLE/TOPIC/TEXT _____

Directions: Complete the chart by comparing and contrasting two elements (*ideas, characters, events, results, places, things, etc.*).

ELEMENT # 1

ELEMENT #2



Framed Paragraphs (*Continued*)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Frame for Compare/Contrast

Compare and Contrast

TITLE/TOPIC/TEXT _____

Directions: Complete the chart by comparing and contrasting YOURSELF to a character or person from history, literature, science, mathematics, etc.

Character/Person in Lesson	Mysel
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6

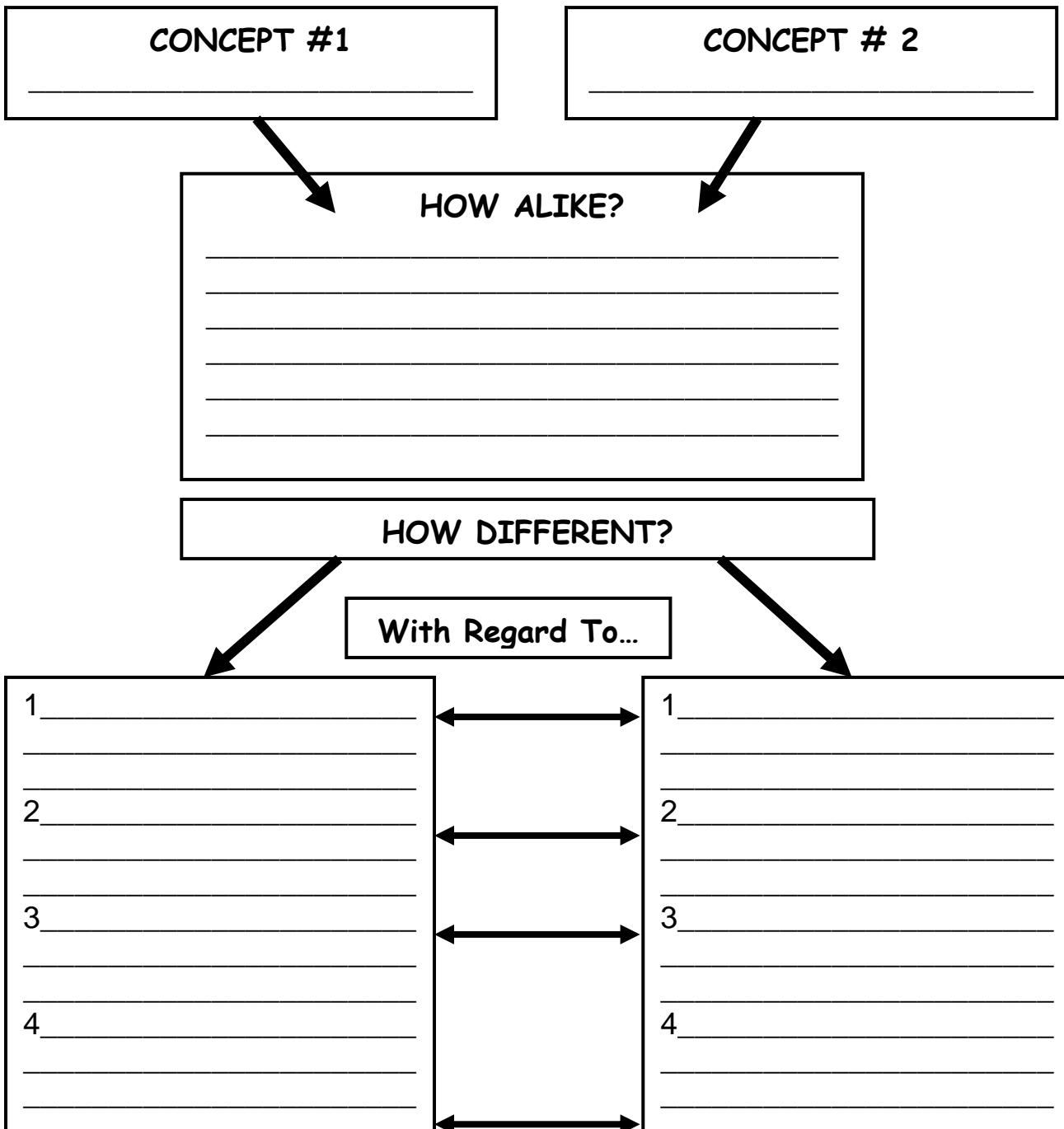
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Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Frame for Compare/Contrast

Compare and Contrast

TITLE/TOPIC/TEXT _____

Directions: Complete the chart by comparing and contrasting two concepts or elements (*ideas, characters, events, results, places, things, etc.*).



Framed Paragraphs (Continued)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Frame for Compare/Contrast

Compare and Contrast

TITLE/TOPIC/TEXT _____

Directions: Complete the chart by comparing and contrasting two elements (*ideas, characters, events, results, places, things, etc.*) in the past (*THEN*) and in the present (*NOW*).

THEN

NOW

THEN	NOW

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Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Frame for Compare/Contrast

Compare and Contrast

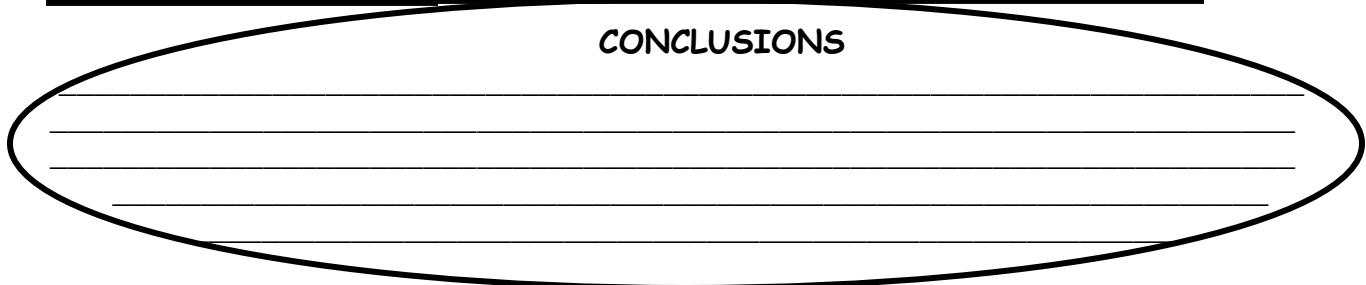
TITLE/TOPIC/TEXT _____

Directions: Complete the chart by comparing and contrasting two elements (*ideas, characters, events, results, places, things, etc.*).

ITEMS BEING COMPARED

ITEMS BEING COMPARED		
CHARACTERISTICS		

CONCLUSIONS



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Framed Paragraphs (*Continued*)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Frame for Compare/Contrast

Compare and Contrast: INTENSITY

TITLE/TOPIC/TEXT

Directions: Complete the chart by comparing and contrasting two elements (*ideas, characters, events, results, places, things, etc.*).

From the point of view of:

HIGH	10				
	9				
	8				
	7				
	6				
	5				
	4				
	3				
	2				
LOW	1				
	Event/ Item				

Framed Paragraphs (Continued)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Frame for Compare/Contrast

Compare and Contrast

TITLE/TOPIC/TEXT _____

Directions: Complete the chart by comparing and contrasting two elements (*ideas, characters, events, results, places, things, etc.*).

Comparing: A. _____
 B. _____

DIFFERENCES A		SIMILARITIES A and B	DIFFERENCES B	
1		1	1	
2		2	2	
3		3	3	
4		4	4	
5		5	5	
6		6	6	
7		7	7	

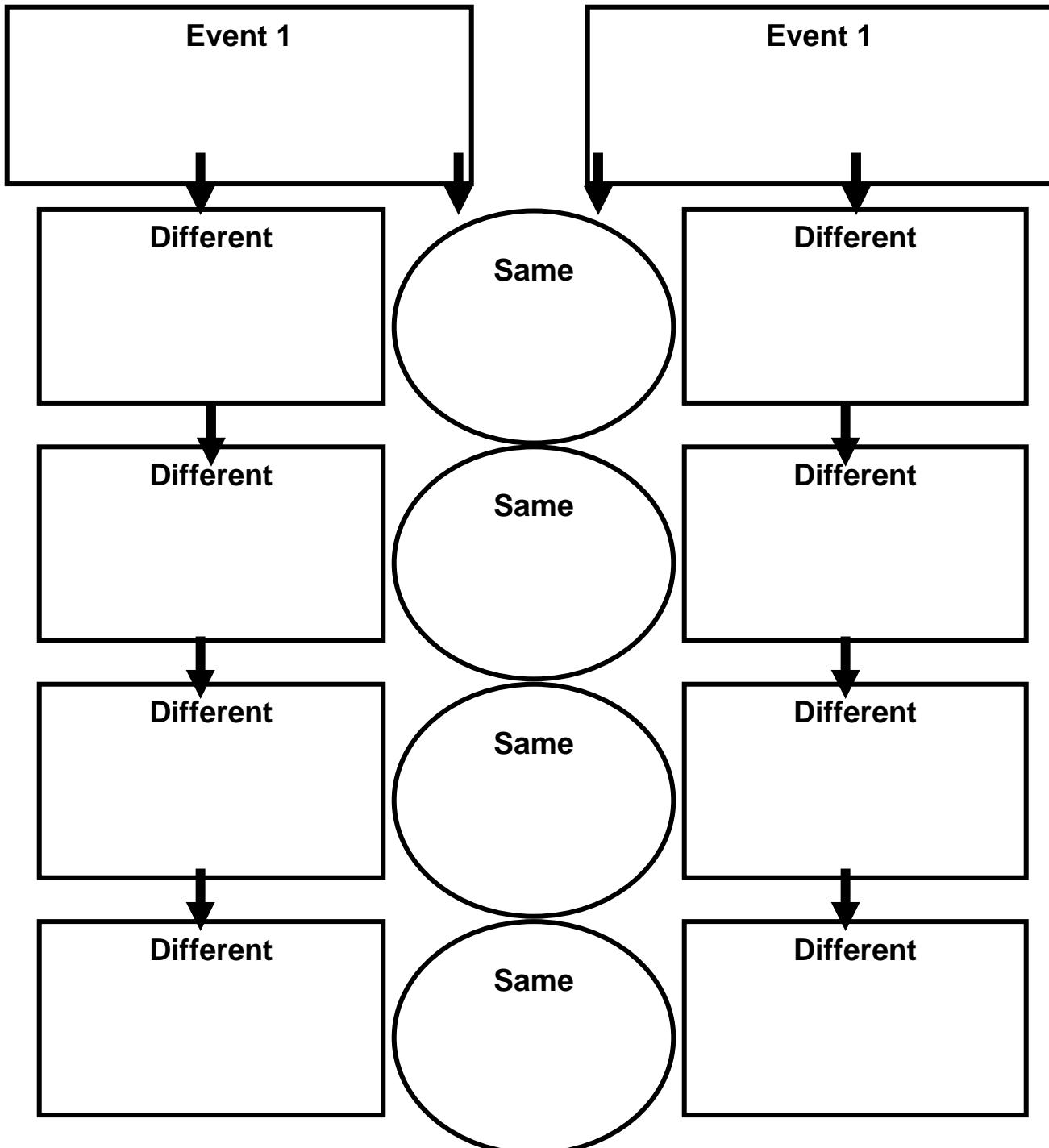
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Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Frame for Compare/Contrast

Compare and Contrast

TITLE/TOPIC/TEXT _____

Directions: Complete the chart by comparing and contrasting two elements (*ideas, characters, events, results, places, things, etc.*).



Framed Paragraphs (*Continued*)

Framed Paragraphs Activity:

Paragraph Frame for Reading Critically-(Visualization)

Prewriting Directions: (Teams or individuals)

- a) Use examples as starters for visualization and model them in the paragraph frame and the graphic organizers.
- b) Use sentences from the lesson (summary or text) that are rich with details for elaboration as examples of visualization.
- c) Encourage students to focus on details (i.e. words or phrases) that cause a “word picture” in their minds.
- d) Another interesting observation is the choice of words that tell “when” and “how” (suddenly, mysteriously, without warning, etc). These words get the reader’s attention.
- e) In addition, students or teams of students should search the text for more details and colorful, expressive words or phrases for each visualization topic.

Paragraph Frame for Reading Critically - Visualization

In the _____ (story, text, experiment, poem, math problem, etc) it is easy to visualize _____
(Topic sentence)

The first thing that you can see in your mind is _____

Some words and ideas are clear, like _____
and _____ (Supporting Detail #1)

Another thing the reader can visualize is _____.

Words and ideas like _____ and _____ become vivid in your mind when
the writer/textbook says (uses words such as), “_____”
and “_____” (Supporting Detail #2).

A third thing that brings a picture to your mind is _____. The picture of _____
and _____

_____ is actually quite _____ (interesting, shocking,
revealing, calming, peaceful, realistic, unusual, etc) (Supporting Detail #3). In conclusion,
the author’s description of (restate 3 supporting details here _____

_____, _____, _____, and _____ provides opportunities
to visualize and imagine the events and characters, making them _____

(very clear, unforgettable, real, outstanding, etc.) (Conclusion)

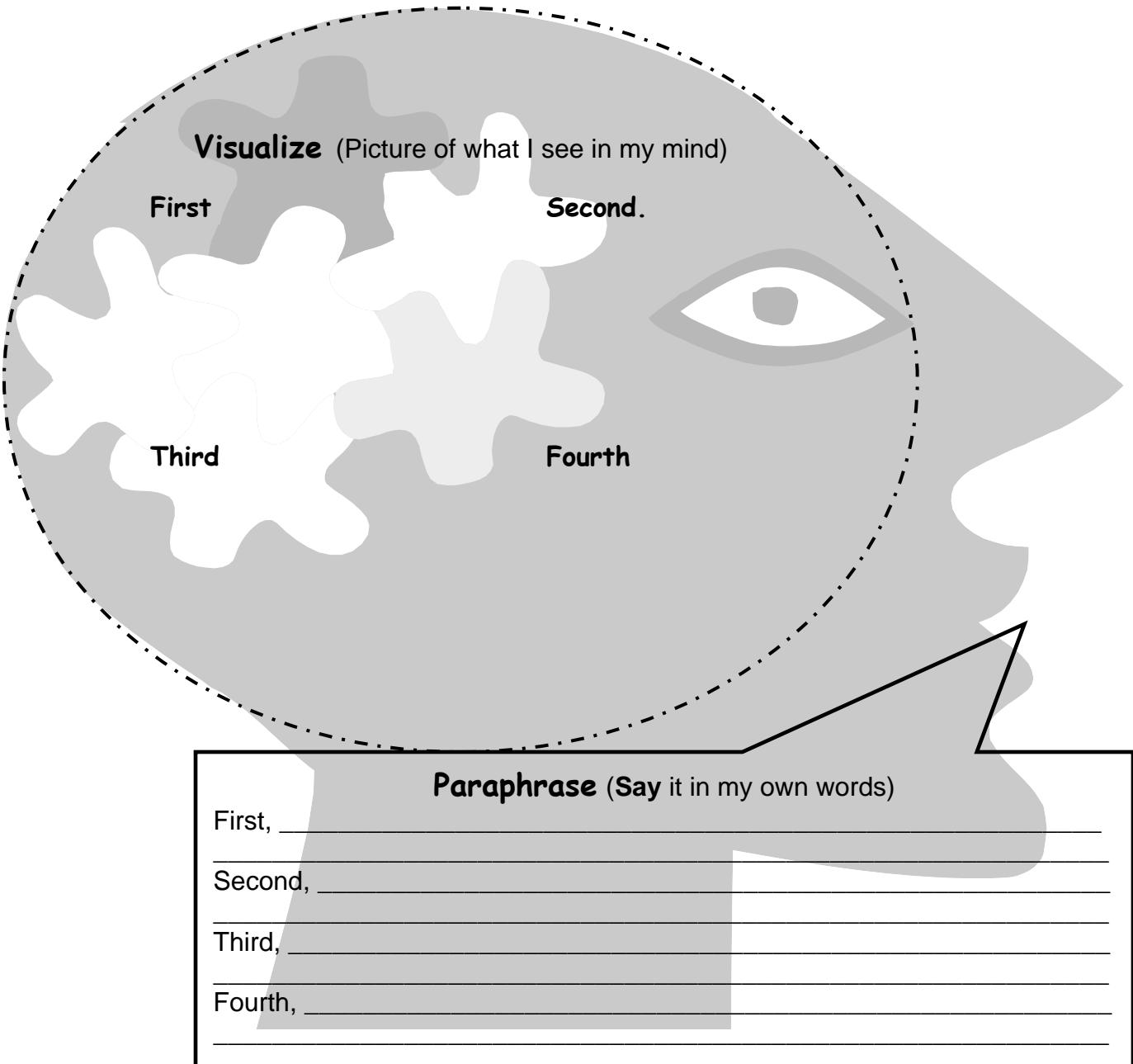
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Framed Paragraphs Activity:

Paragraph Organizer for Reading Critically-(Visualization)

Reading Critically (Visualizing / Paraphrasing) Sequencing Events/Steps in a Process

Title/Topic/Text _____

Read actively. First, read **carefully**. Then go back and read again. This time read one event or step at a time. Stop to think about what it means. **Visualize** it in your mind. Picture yourself in the event or doing the step. Repeat it to yourself. Then say it to yourself in your own words (**Paraphrase**). Complete each one in order before going on to the next one.



Framed Paragraphs (*Continued*)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Frame for Author's Purpose

Author's Purpose

_____ *(the author)* wrote
_____ *(title or topic)* to show that

One example of this is _____

Another example is _____

A third example is _____

In the end, we learn from the author (author's purpose) that _____

Refer to next page for more on Framed Paragraphs

Framed Paragraphs (*Continued*)

Framed Paragraphs Activity: Paragraph Organizer for Author's Purpose

Author's Purpose

Title/Topic/Text _____

Author's purpose: The author's purpose in a reading can be to **entertain**, **inform**, or **persuade** a reader, or any combination of these purposes. The author may inform you and entertain you at the same time. The author may try to persuade you and inform you or persuade you and entertain you. Use the chart to Identify evidence of the author's purpose(s).

INFORM

ENTERTAIN

PERSUADE

IN MY OWN WORDS...

Why did the author write this? _____

Framed Paragraphs (*Continued*)

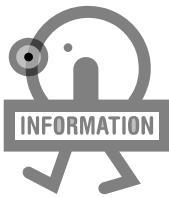
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Author's Purpose

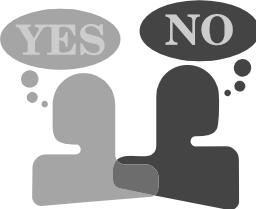
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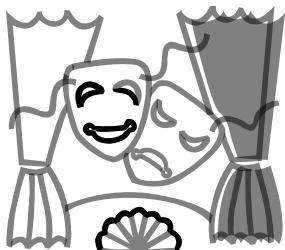
INFORM



PERSUADE



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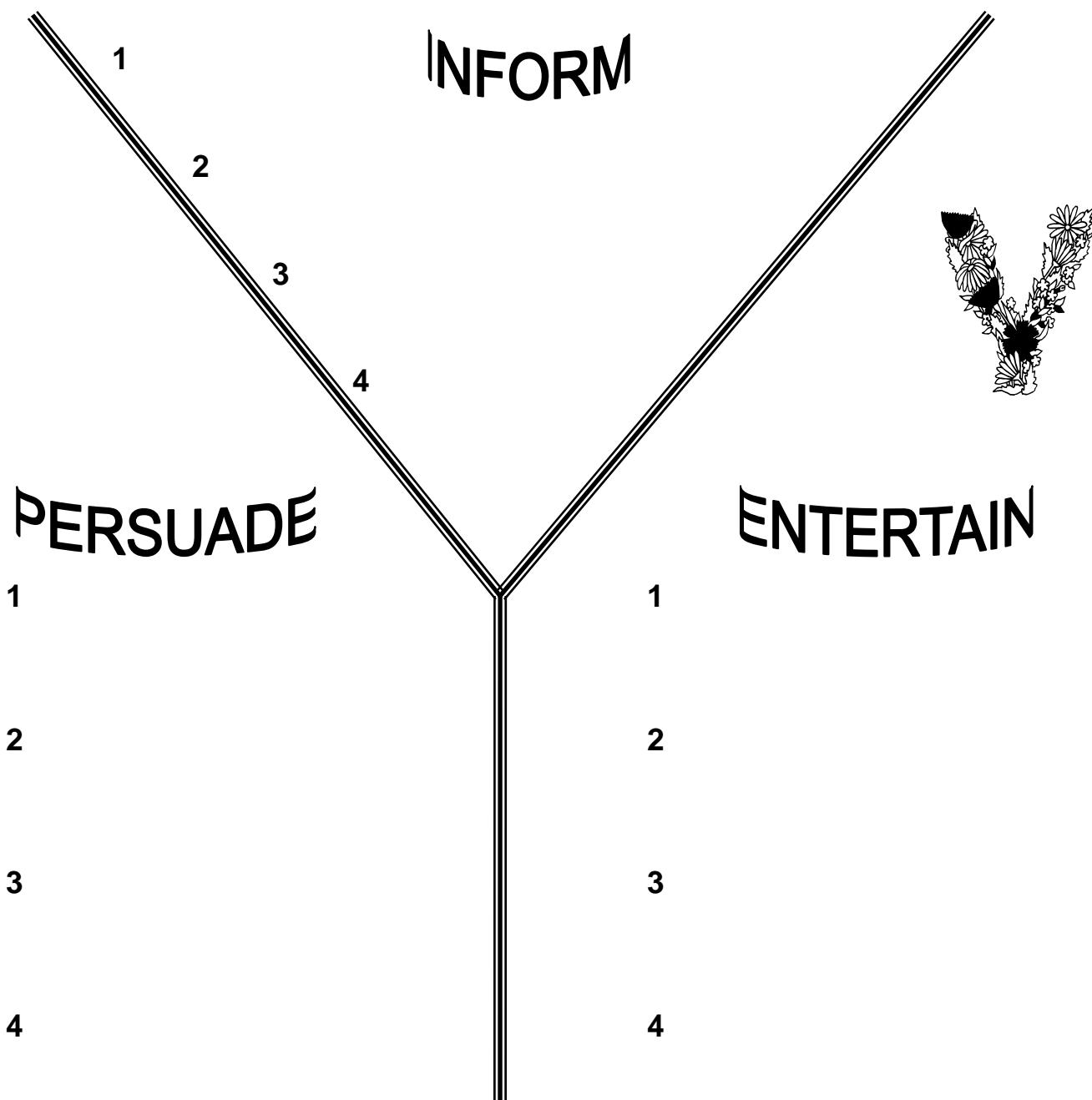
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Framed Paragraphs Activity: Paragraph Organizer for Author's Purpose

Author's Purpose—"WHY?" ("Y") CHART

Title/Topic/Text _____

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Framed Paragraphs (Continued)

Framed Paragraphs Activity: Paragraph Frame for Event Map

Event Map

Directions: Analyze a single important event in a story. Develop the details of the event using the following questions and the graphic organizer that follows:

- a) What happened?
- b) When did it happen?
- c) Where did it happen?
- d) Who was involved in the incident?
- e) Why did it happen?
- f) How did it happen?

Title/Topic/Text _____

One important event that occurred in the (*story, text, experiment, poem, math problem, etc*) _____ was _____

_____ (tell the event here (Topic sentence and "What" detail). (Start new sentence telling "Who"-Detail #1) _____
_____ (and _____))

was (were) involved in the incident. This event happened (*Tell "Where" the event happened-Detail #2*) _____

in (*during, about, after, before, etc.*) _____
(Tell "when" the event happened -Detail #3).

How the event happened in an interesting detail because it happened
(Tell "How"-Detail #4).

Finally, the reason for this occurrence was _____
(tell "why" the event happened, or the cause -Detail #5). In conclusion, the _____
(Restate event here)

was important to the story because _____

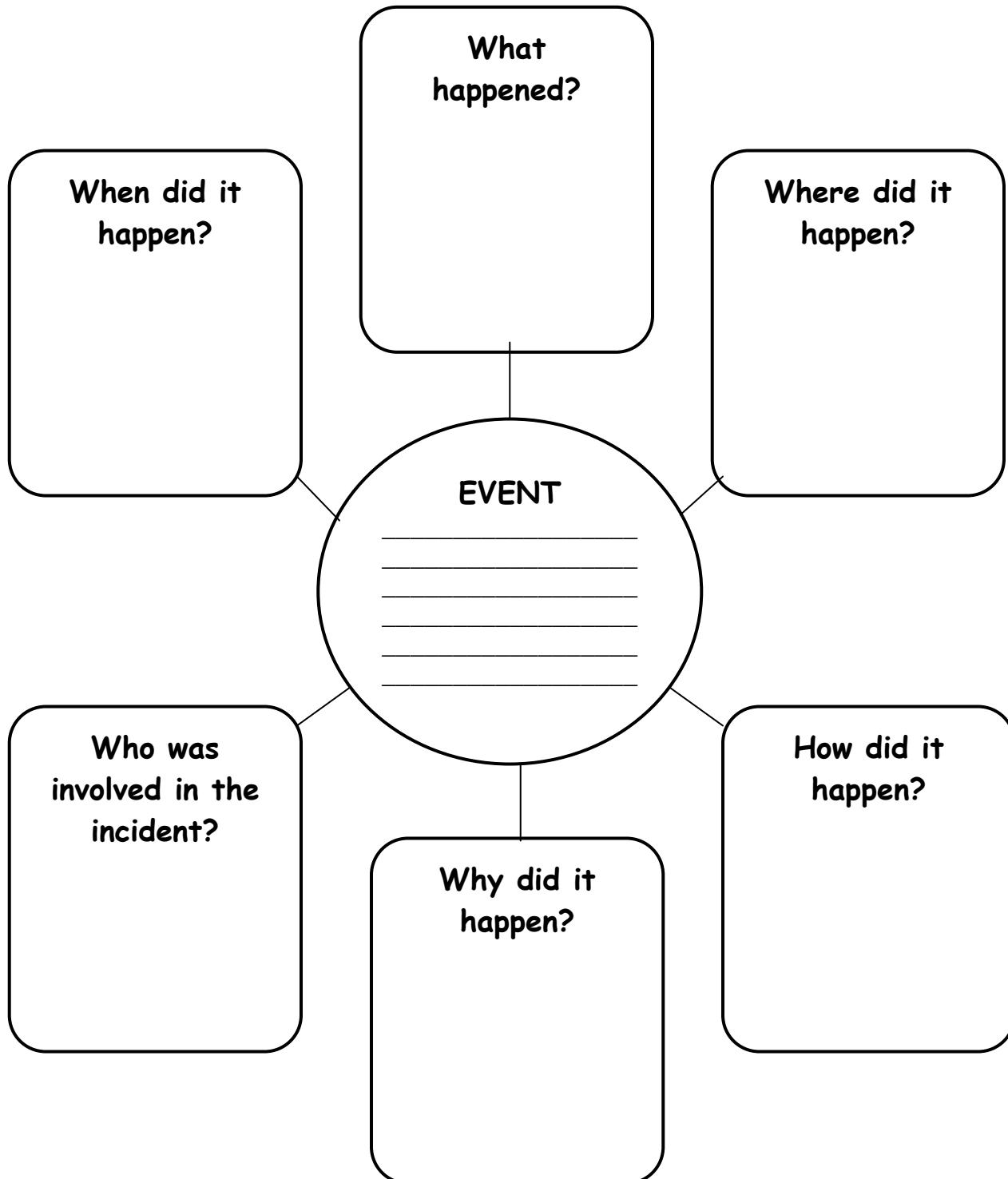
_____ (Give an opinion here-Conclusion)

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Framed Paragraphs Activity: Paragraph Organizer for Event Map

Event Map

Title/Topic/Text _____



Framed Paragraphs (*Continued*)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Frame for Problem-Solution

Problem-Solution (Resolution)

In the _____ (*story, text, experiment, poem, math problem, etc*), the problem that arises is _____

(*Topic Sentence*)

To find a solution to the problem, _____ (*name the person or character*) decides to (*first action taken*) _____

. After _____

_____ (*action taken*), he/she tries to solve (*resolve*) _____ (*problem*) by _____

(*second action taken*)

In order to solve (*resolve*) the problem, he/she _____

(*third action or detail*)

In the end, (*name action taken that resolved problem*) _____

solved (*resolved*) (*restate the problem*) _____

because _____

(*Conclusion*)

Framed Paragraphs (*Continued*)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer for Problem-Solution

Problem-Solution (Resolution)

There are **solutions /resolutions** to **problems** of characters in literature and in history. Use a reading, a summary, or a text plus your knowledge about the events to complete the chart. Write each character's problem and the resolution.

CHARACTER	PROBLEM	RESOLUTION

Framed Paragraphs (*Continued*)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Characterization Notes & Tips

Characterization (Character Profile)

- **Characters:** The characters in a story are the *people or animals*.
- **Character Trait:** Each character is unique and has an individual personality with certain qualities, traits, or characteristics that describe him/her/it. A character's **words** and **actions** will show his/her/its character traits.
- **Character Motivation:** A feeling, thought, goal, or reason that **causes a character to act** in a certain way. Consider the motivation of a character when describing him/her/it.
- **A Characterization (Character Profile)** is a collection of characteristics and details about a character, such as **words and thoughts, actions, motivation or goals**. A characterization shows a larger picture of a person from beginning to end. Teams use paragraph organizers to develop ideas, and writing paragraph frames (templates) to write. Investigate the details that characterize the *words, thoughts, actions, goals, and motivation* of a particular character. Use the questions below as starters:
 - a) *What did the character reveal about his/her reasons for taking a certain action? What motivated the character?*
 - b) *What kind of person is the character? What actions reveal this?*
 - c) *What do the character's words reveal about his/her character, including goals, and reasons for taking action or not taking action?*
 - d) *What thoughts did the character have that revealed his/her reasons for actions or inaction? What actions influenced events or other characters in the plot?*

Example: Julia: Using information in the paragraph, we can create a profile for Julia:

Julia always greets people with a smile. She is reserved and serious in her work. She eats slowly without raising her head or speaking. She always calls home after school to check on her son, and she never works late. She says that when her son graduates, she will return to college to complete her degree and become a mathematician.

Character's Name: Julia

Words & Thoughts	Actions	Goals	Motivation
always greets people with a smile (Friendly, caring)	without raising her head or speaking (Maybe she's thinking)	Eats slowly (Maybe she is polite and health-conscious)	return to college to complete her degree (a very hard-worker)
Serious (about her work and her future)	checks on her son (implies-good mother)	become a mathematician (her future is important)	son graduates (good mother waits for son to graduate first)
Reserved (Maybe she concentrates on work)	never works late (implies good mother)	always greets people with a smile (maybe sincere, maybe wants to keep her job))	always greets people with a smile (good employee and person)

Refer to the following page for the paragraph frame and organizer for completing a Characterization.

Please note that the framed paragraph is an excellent activity for developing character profiles for modern and/or current people in the news, historical figures, heroes (past & present), as well as characters from literature. Students also enjoy doing character profiles for themselves and their teammates, friends, teachers, etc.

Framed Paragraphs (Continued)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Frame for Characterization

Characterization
(Words/thoughts, Actions, Goals, Motivation)

In the _____ (story, text, historical period, war, experiment, poem, drama, math problem, etc), the _____ (author, textbook, math problem, experiment, etc) provides important information that characterizes _____ (name the character) (Topic Sentence) First, we learn from (name character) _____'s words and thoughts that _____. Evidence of this in the story is _____ and _____ (Detail #1) Second, because of _____'s actions we learn that _____ and _____. An example of this is _____ (Detail #2) Third, _____ (character name) has an important goal, which is _____. An example of _____'s real motivation is _____ (Detail #3) By the end of the _____ (story, text, historical period, war, experiment, poem, drama, math problem, novel, chapter, stanza, poem, etc), we learn a great deal about the character, _____. We learn that _____ (he/she) _____ and _____. (Conclusion)

Framed Paragraphs (Continued)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Frame for Character Motivation

Characterization: Character Motivation

In _____ (story, text, historical period, war, experiment, poem, drama, math problem, etc) the _____ (reader, learner, mathematician/ historian/ scientist, etc) learns about _____'s (character's) motivation, including _____ (his/her) feelings, thoughts, goals and reasons for acting the way _____ (he/she) acts (Topic Sentence). First, when _____ (name an event or situation), the _____ (reader, learner, mathematician/ historian/ scientist, etc) learns _____ (His/Her) _____ (reason, feeling, thought, goal) is _____. (Detail #1). The reader is sympathetic to _____ (him/her) because the reader understands _____ (his/her) _____ (reason, feeling, thought, goal) of _____, _____ and _____. _____ (character name) must have thought that _____.

_____ (name character) acts like _____ because _____ (Detail #2). In addition, _____ (he/she) _____ because _____. Finally, _____ (character name) thinks _____ because _____. The reader understands the reason for this is _____. (Detail #3) _____ (character's) motivation is revealed in the plot by an examination of the feelings, thoughts, goals, or reasons (Conclusion)

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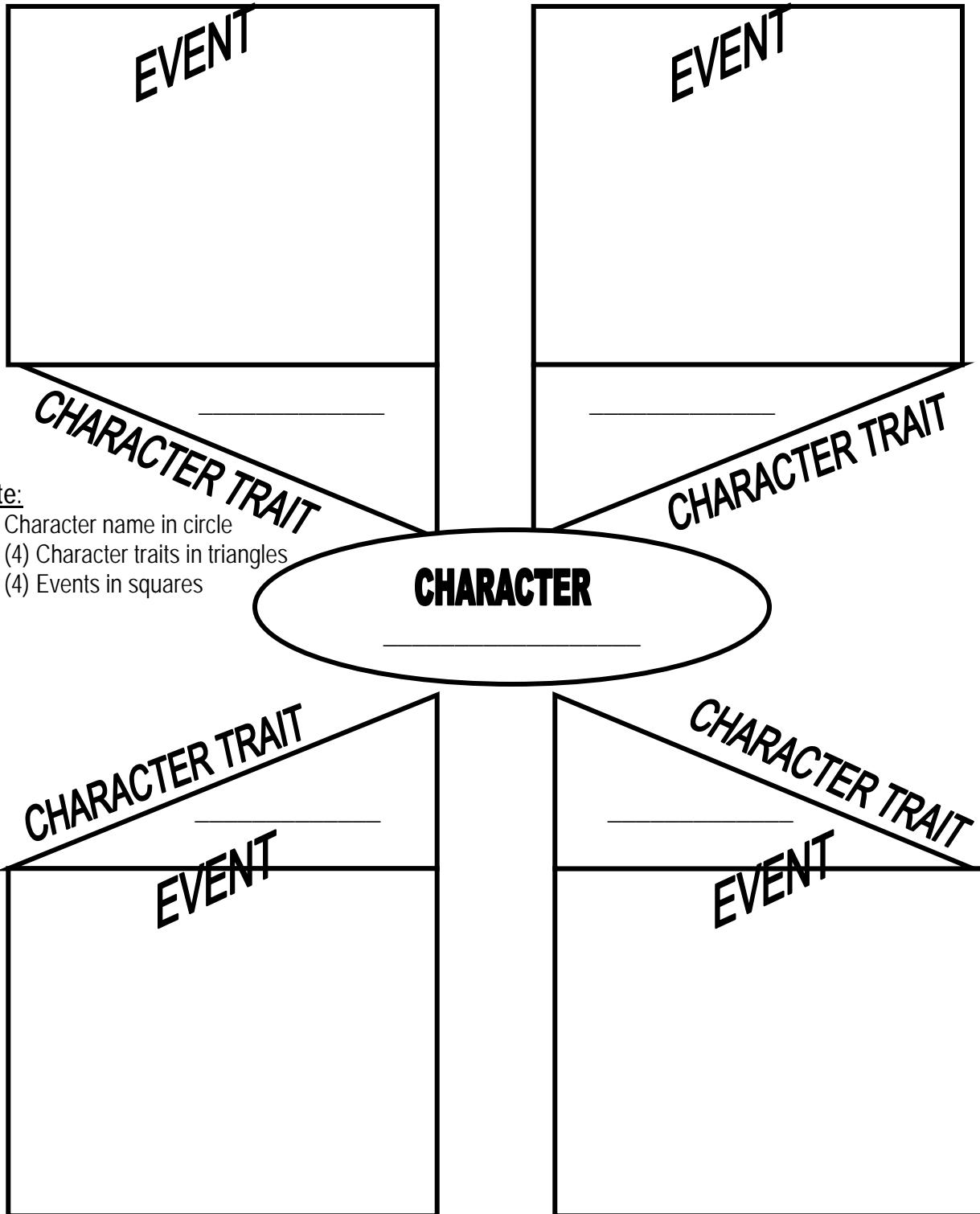
Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer for Characterization

A **characterization** is a collection of characteristics or details about a character/ person. A characterization shows a complete picture of a character/person from the beginning of the story/event to the end. Use the organizer to collect information about a character/person in the reading. (Characters are people or animals.)

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Characterization

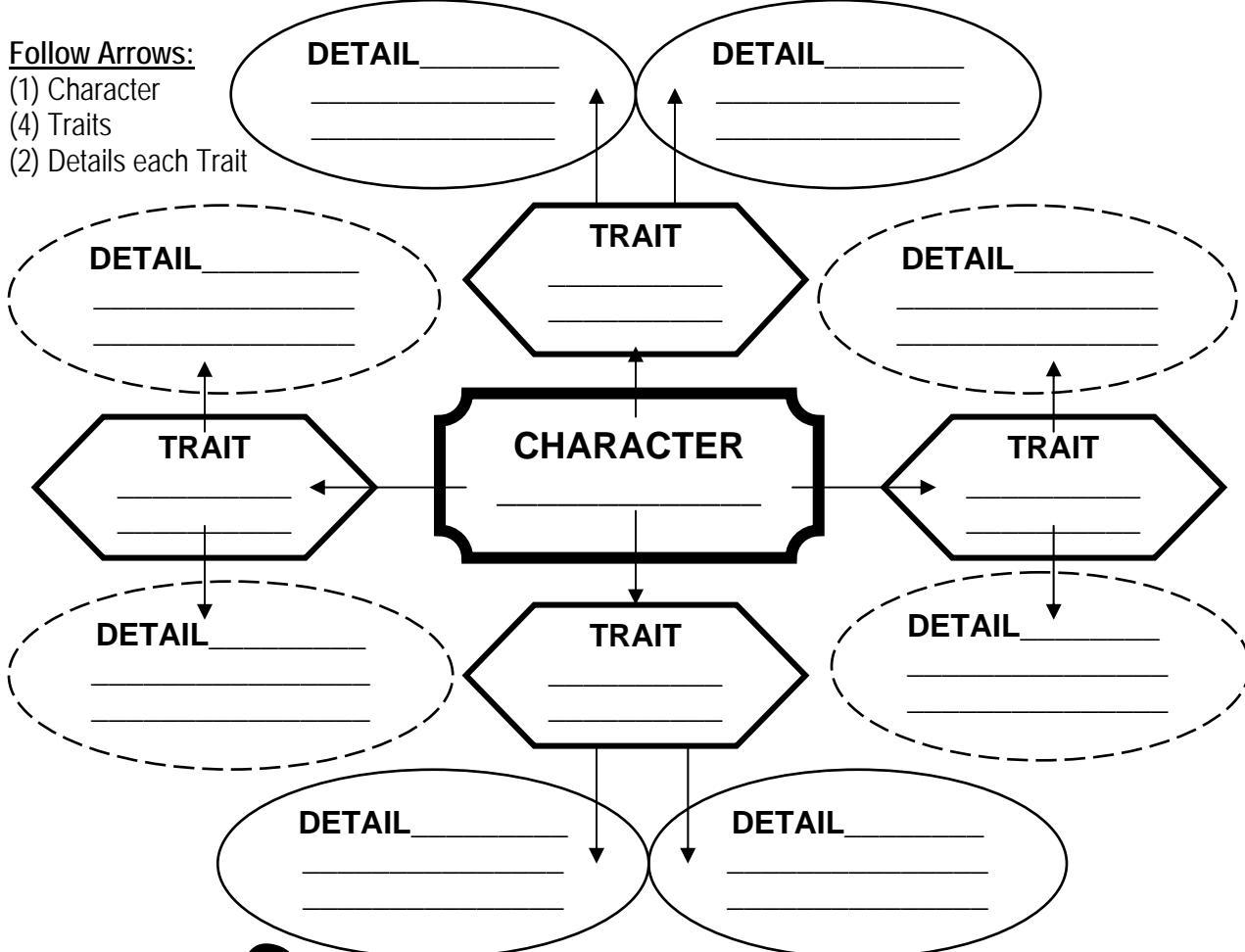
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Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer for Character Traits

TITLE/TOPIC/TEXT _____



Character Traits

calm	carefree	caring	cheerful	conceited	considerate
cooperative	courageous	creative	curious	dainty	daring
demanding	determined	disagreeable	dreamer	energetic	fighter
friendly	fun-loving	funny	generous	gentle	gullible
handsome	happy	hard-working	helpful	honest	humble
humorous	imaginative	independent	intelligent	inventive	joyful
lazy	leader	loveable	loving	loyal	mannerly
mean	messy	mischievous	neat	patriotic	proud
quiet	resourceful	respectful	responsible	rude	sad
self-confident	selfish	serious	shy	stubborn	studious
successful	thoughtful	timid	unselfish	wild	witty

Framed Paragraphs (*Continued*)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer for Characterization Characterization

TITLE/TOPIC/TEXT _____

A **Characterization** is a collection of characteristics or details about a character. A characterization shows a complete picture of a character from the beginning of the story to the end. Use the organizer to collect information about a character in the lesson. (Characters are people or animals.) **Character Traits:** Each character is unique and has an individual personality with certain qualities, traits, or characteristics that describe him/her. A character's words, thoughts, actions, and goals will show his character traits. **Motivation** is a feeling, thought, reason, or goal that causes a character to act in a certain way.

CHARACTERIZATION			
WORDS & THOUGHTS			
1			
2			
3			
4			
GOALS		CHARACTER'S NAME	ACTIONS
1			
2		2	
3		3	
4		4	
MOTIVATION			
1			
2			
3			
4			

Framed Paragraphs (*Continued*)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer for Character Traits

Character Traits

TITLE/TOPIC/TEXT _____

Directions: Use the lists below of positive/negative traits to describe characters in the reading.

Character	Character Trait(s)	Evidence of this Character Trait
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		

SOME POSITIVE CHARACTER TRAITS

admirable	courteous	fair	honest	loving	pleasant	spirited
adventurous	creative	faithful	honorable	loyal	polite	stunning
affectionate	daring	fearless	hopeful	neighborly	proud	talented
agreeable	decent	friendly	humble	obedient	quick-witted	tasteful
amazing	dependable	funny	humorous	observant	relaxed	tender
ambitious	determined	gallant	innocent	optimistic	reliable	terrific
amusing	devoted	gentle	inquisitive	outgoing	responsible	thoughtful
attentive	eager	gleeful	intelligent	outstanding	self-satisfied	trustworthy
cheerful	efficient	graceful	jubilant	overjoyed	serene	truthful
clever	enchanting	helpful	kind	patient	shy	valiant
courageous	enthusiastic	heroic	lively	peaceful	sly	watchful

SOME NEGATIVE CHARACTER TRAITS

angry	conceited	envious	indignant	naughty	rude	uneasy
anxious	confused	forgetful	irritable	nervous	secretive	unfriendly
ashamed	cowardly	frightened	jittery	noisy	selfish	unhelpful
awkward	cruel	furious	jumpy	nosy	snooping	unpleasant
boast	disagreeable	gloomy	lazy	oblivious	spiteful	unreliable
boisterous	dishonest	greedy	lonely	obnoxious	stubborn	vain
bossy	disloyal	grumpy	mean	outspoken	talkative	vicious
cautious	disobedient	harsh	sluggish	prying	tense	weak
chatty	disrespectful	ill-tempered	melancholy	resentful	timid	weary
clumsy	enraged	impolite	mischiefous	rough	unaware	

Framed Paragraphs (*Continued*)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Frame for Symbolism

Symbolism

Title/Topic/Text: _____

At the end of the (*story, text, experiment, poem, math problem, etc*) _____, the _____ (*reader, learner, mathematician/ historian/ scientist, etc*) finds _____ (*write number—two?*) important examples of symbolism that represent more than what they really are (*Topic Sentence*). One powerful example of a symbol is (*Detail #1*) _____

The _____ (*first example*) is more than just _____
It represents _____

his is a symbol because _____
A second symbol is (*second example-Detail #2*). _____

is more than just _____.
It symbolizes _____
_____ and _____.
This is a symbol because _____

Symbols represent more than what they really are. The _____ (*reader, learner, mathematician/ historian/ scientist, etc*) gets powerful mental pictures from the two symbols of _____ and _____ at the end of the _____ (*story, text, experiment, poem, math problem, etc*) (*Conclusion*)

Framed Paragraphs (*Continued*)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer for Symbolism

A **symbol** can be a person, place, or thing that represents something more than what it really is. There are personal symbols and public symbols. Examples:

The dove is not just a bird. It stands for peace.

The flag is not just a piece of cloth. It represents hopes and dreams of patriots.

Identify (3) symbols from the lesson or reading, and explain what each means in your own words.

Symbolism			
Title/Topic/Text: _____			
Symbol	Meaning	Represents	Because
1			
2			
3			
My Illustration of Symbols in the Reading			

Framed Paragraphs (*Continued*)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Frame for Conflict

Conflict (Internal and External)

In the _____ (story, text, experiment, poem, math problem, etc),
_____ (title), the character _____
(character's name) has internal and external conflicts to resolve (Topic Sentence). _____'s (character's name) internal conflicts are

and _____

(Detail #1). _____ (character's name)
also experiences external conflicts, including _____

and _____

(Detail #2).
(She/he) _____ tries to resolve the internal conflict(s) by _____
_____. To resolve
the external conflict(s), _____ (she/he) _____

(Detail #3).
In the end, in this writer's opinion, _____ (character's name) will
resolve (or not resolve) _____

(name the problem here) because _____

- (Conclusion)

Framed Paragraphs (Continued)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Frame for Conflict

Conflict (Internal and External)

In the _____ (story, text, experiment, poem, math problem, etc),
_____ (title), _____ 's (character's name) internal and external conflicts make the story interesting. (Topic Sentence) First, _____ (character's name) has an external conflict because _____

_____. Another external conflict for _____ (character's name) is _____

_____. (Character's name) _____ has and internal conflict when _____

_____. Another internal conflict for _____ (character's name) is _____

_____. (character's name) is torn between _____ and _____

_____. In conclusion, _____ 's (character's name) external and internal conflicts make for a very interesting story. (Conclusion)

Framed Paragraphs (*Continued*)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer for Conflict

Conflict (Internal and External)

Identify a character and find details from the text (or lesson summary) that show external and internal conflicts the character faces.

TITLE/TOPIC/TEXT— _____

TOPIC: Internal & External Conflicts for _____

Detail #1-Internal Conflict

Detail #2-Internal Conflict

Detail #3-External Conflict

Detail #4-External Conflict

Framed Paragraphs (Continued)

Framed Paragraph Activity: Paragraph Organizer for Conflict Dissection

Conflict Dissection

(Problem, Solution, Characters, Setting)

Title/Topic/Text: _____

CONFLICT FOCUS – _____

CHARACTER(S)

Who...?

SETTING

Time (When?) Place (Where?)

**PROBLEM
(Conflict)**

**SOLUTION
(Resolution)**