



Wrapping Up the Plot

CONTENT AREA: English & Literature

TOPIC: Story Plot Diagrams

MATERIALS:

- Podcast, Episode 5
- Security Folder
- PLOT REPORT FORM
- MYSTERY PLOT DIAGRAM

INSTRUCTIONS:

If you have been following along with activities through each episode of the podcast, you have been working on the Mystery Plot Diagram after each episode of the podcast. After listening to the final episode students will sum up the plot of the entire podcast and complete the mystery plot diagram.

Story Plot Diagram Learning Objectives: Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.

Assessments: PLOT REPORT FORM, MYSTERY PLOT DIAGRAM

LET'S GET STARTED!

1. Listen to Podcast Episode 5
2. Review parts of a story.
 - **Plot:** A plot is simply the events that happen in a story. The author puts different events in an order based on the plot. A plot is made of different parts and events. Understanding a character and what he or she does is easier when we understand the plot and its different parts.
 - **Rising Action:** the events that happen at the beginning, before the turning point.
 - **Conflict Problem:** the problem that is faced by a character or characters.
 - **Climax/turning point:** the part of the plot in which the events are the most exciting.
 - **Resolution:** the final part of the plot in which the problem is solved.
3. Have Students Complete RANCH SECURITY PLOT REPORT FORM & MYSTERY PLOT DIAGRAM based on the entire podcast.
4. Scripts for all episodes of the podcast are available for review if needed.



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Plot Report Form

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Write 2 events that happened in each part the Podcast.

Beginning (AKA: Rising Action)	<hr/> <hr/>
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Middle (AKA: Conflict/ Problem)	<hr/> <hr/>
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Middle (AKA: Climax/ Turning Point)	<hr/> <hr/>
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End (AKA: Resolution)	<hr/> <hr/>
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Mystery Plot Diagram

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You have reached the FINAL EPISODE! Make sure after listening, that you complete your mystery plot diagram.

Characters

Detective: _____

Sidekick: _____

Suspects: _____

Clues

These are the events that are part of the rising action.

Setting

Problem

The problem is the crime or mystery to be solved.

Red Herrings

Misleading clues (they are meant to throw the reader off)

Solution



Deputy Podcast

CONTENT AREA: English & Literature

TOPIC: Writing Narratives

MATERIALS:

- SECURITY PODCAST PACKET
 - * Includes (tip sheet, idea worksheet, & several planning worksheets)
- A RECORDING DEVICE

INSTRUCTIONS:

We sure hope you and your students had a great time listening to the Hank the Cowdog Podcast! For the final episode, we would like to turn the tables a bit and have your students create their very own podcast. This will be a great review on the elements of story and a fun way for students to show off their knowledge.

In this activity students will have an opportunity to create their own podcast. They will write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences. Once students have completed their written portion, they will record it. The students can record on a computer, iPads or tablet with voice recording capabilities or any other device that allows you to record. There are also several great websites that will help make a podcast. One example is Anchor, found at <https://anchor.fm/>

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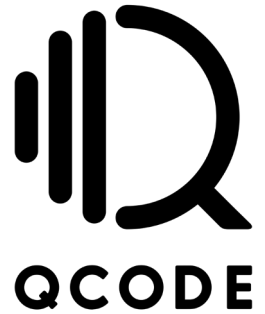
1. First, students will brainstorm their idea for a podcast story. Students will choose or create a story to turn into a podcast. Use the FINDING A GREAT STORY TIP SHEET & DEPUTY IDEAS WORKSHEET.
2. Once ideas have been brainstormed, have students use the PLANNING YOUR PODCAST WORKSHEET.
3. Students will continue to develop their stories using the INTRO, PARTS 1, 2, 3 AND CONCLUSION WORKSHEETS.
4. Review podcast stories with students.
5. Record podcasts!
6. Share with parents & friends!



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Podcast Tip Sheet

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These tips are from Dave Henning, Executive Vice President of Q Code - the company responsible for making the Hank the Cowdog Podcast!

TIPS FOR FINDING A GREAT STORY

- **INTERESTING OR LARGER THAN LIFE CHARACTERS**
 - Without visuals, it's very important that we can tell our characters apart. Make sure to choose a story with unique character so they don't sound the same!
 - Try not to choose a story with too many characters, unless you and your cast can do a lot of voices.
- **HIGH STAKES OR REWARDS**
 - Underdogs, adventures and quests make for great podcasts as they keep the audience interested. What lesson did our main characters learn or what obstacles did they overcome?
 - Find a story with action, drama and suspense to keep people listening.
- **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:**
 - Where does your story take place? This helps give a sense of sound design and effects.
 - * Hank takes place on a ranch, so we hear other animals and noises.
 - What simple effects can you make with your voice or objects around the house?

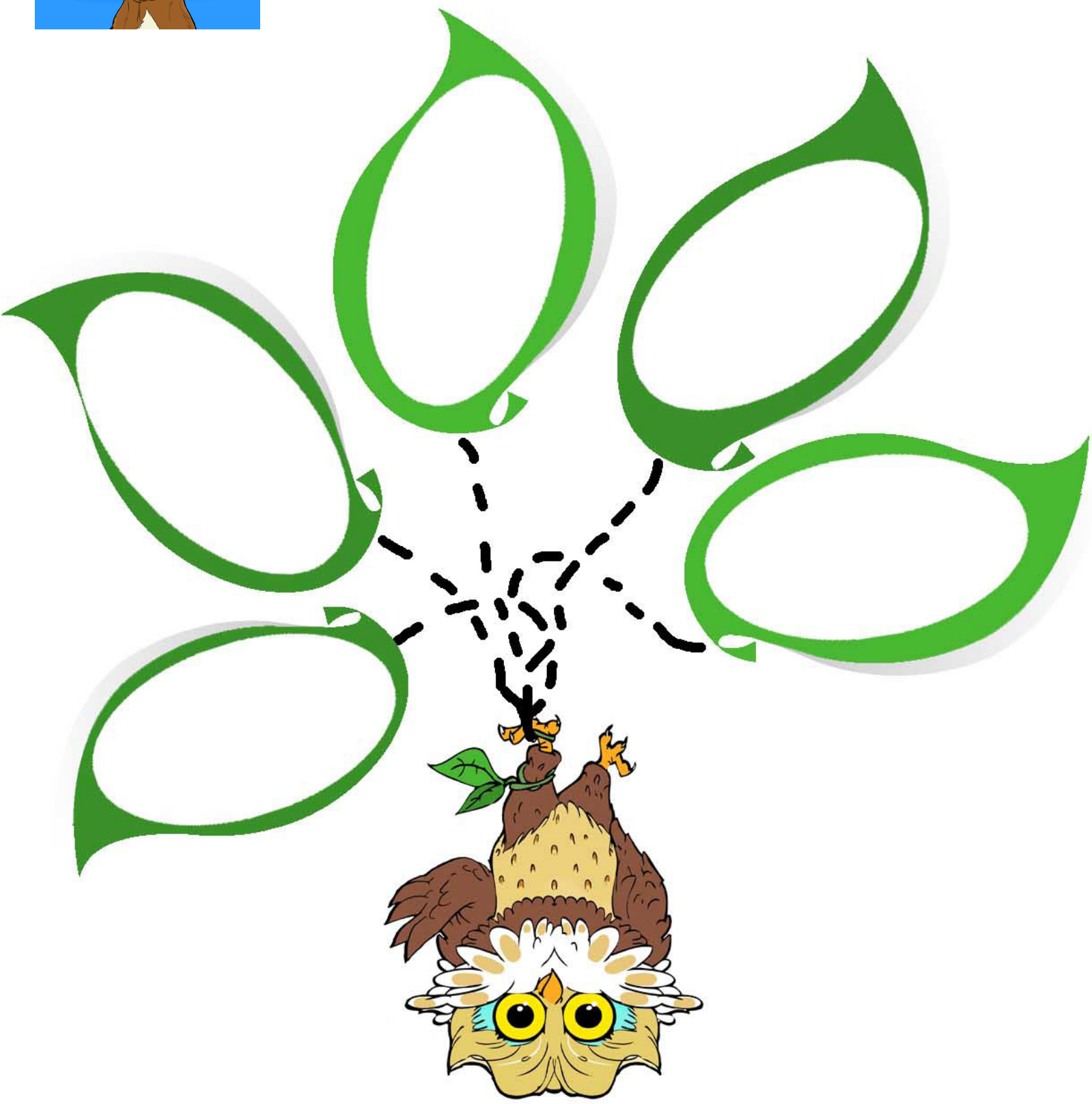
TIPS FOR MAKING YOUR PODCAST

- **FIND A QUIET AREA WITH NO ECHOES!** Rooms with carpet or closets full of clothes make for decent recording studios. Covering your head and microphone with a towel or blanket can help soften echoes as well.
- **BEFORE RECORDING YOUR SHOW, DO SOME TESTS:**
 - Try out a few different rooms
 - Record at different distances from the microphone - you don't want to be too close to muffle your voice, but not far enough away that the microphone can't capture you.
 - Read the first scene of your script and listen back to check your pacing and speed.
- **DON'T FORGET YOUR CREDITS** - make sure your audience knows who helped!
- **MUSIC NEVER HURTS!**
 - If you can write a song to open or close your podcast people will never forget it.



RANCH SECURITY DEPUTY Podcast Ideas Sheet

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WRITE YOUR IDEAS IN THE LEAVES!





RANCH SECURITY PLANNING YOUR PODCAST

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THINK ABOUT THE PARTS OF YOUR PODCAST STORY, TELL US ABOUT THE:

Beginning
(AKA: Rising Action)

Middle
(AKA: Conflict/ Problem)

Middle
(AKA: Climax/ Turning Point)

End
(AKA: Resolution)



RANCH SECURITY INTRO TO YOUR PODCAST

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It is important to introduce your podcast. Fill in the blanks to make sure you include all the important elements of the introduction.

Title of your podcast: _____

Your greeting: _____

Introduce Yourself: _____

Write out your introduction:



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LIST OUT WHO YOUR HELPERS WERE AND WHAT ROLES THEY PLAYED:

NAME :

ROLE :
