

# Character, Plot

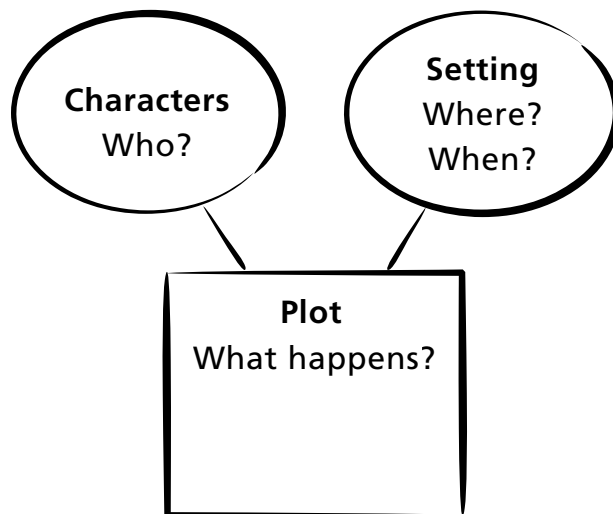
## Apply In:

- Leveled Book: *An Old Family Recipe*
- Leveled Book: *Ayu and the Perfect Moon*

## 1 Reteach

Identify the characters and setting in a familiar picture book. Say: **Characters** are **who is in a story**. **The setting** is **where and when a story takes place**.

Then display and discuss this story map:



## Materials

- familiar picture books

Retell the story as volunteers act it out. Then ask: **What happens in the beginning? In the middle? At the end?**  
Explain: **The order of events in a story is called the plot.**

## 2 Practice with a Partner

Have partners page through a familiar picture book and answer these questions:

- ▶ **Who are the characters?**
- ▶ **What is the setting?**
- ▶ **What is the plot?**

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### 3 Apply

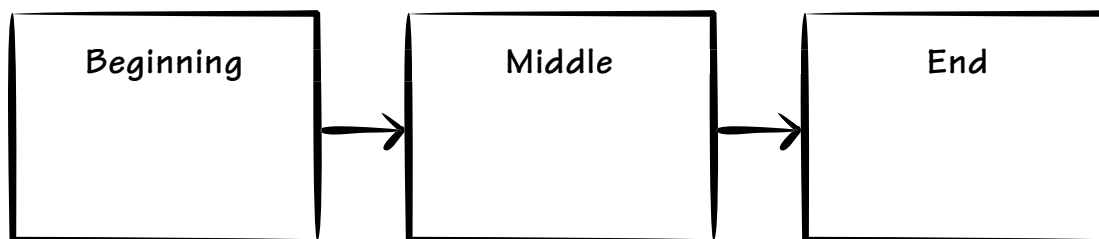
Distribute copies of the **Character and Plot Bookmark**. Explain that students should refer to the Bookmark as they read. Then form groups.

- ▶ **Beginning Readers** read silently or aloud with a partner.
- ▶ **More Fluent Readers** read silently.

After reading, bring groups together to identify characters, settings, and plots in the stories. Use the **Multi-Level Strategies** to support students at all proficiency levels.

BEGINNING	INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED
Have students who read <i>An Old Family Recipe</i> use pictures to identify the characters and setting. Then ask: <b>Does Babcia Lula visit in the beginning or at the end of the story?</b>	Ask students who read <i>Ayu and the Perfect Moon</i> to identify the characters and setting. Then ask: <b>What happens in the beginning (middle, end) of the story? Is this the plot? (yes)</b>	After students identify the characters, setting, and plot in <i>Ayu and the Perfect Moon</i> , encourage them to add details. For example, <i>The setting is Bali. Ayu danced in the village square at night.</i>

Record students' ideas in a story map like this:



After completing the map, have students use it to retell or role-play the story.

### CLOSE AND ASSESS

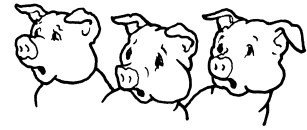
Have students define character (who is in a story), setting (where and when a story takes place) and plot (the order of events).

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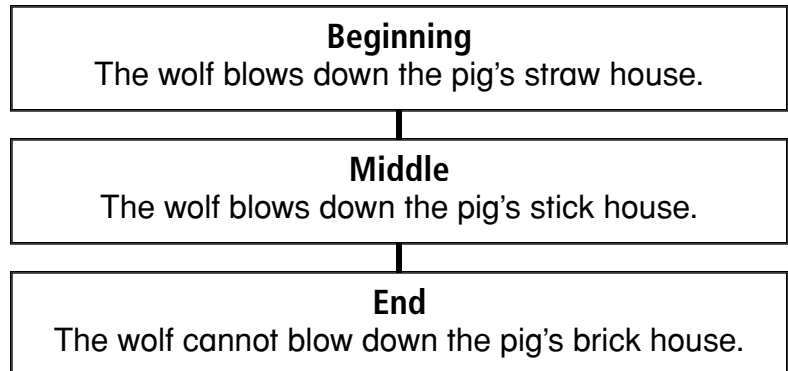


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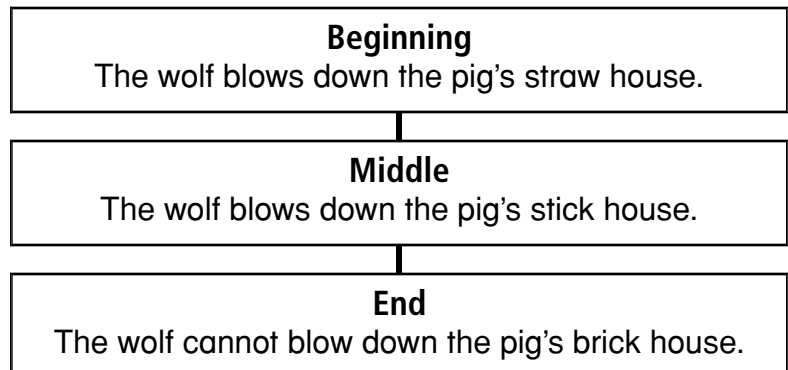


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