



Teacher Guided Lesson for Story Elements

CCSS RL 3.2 Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures; determine the central message, lesson, or moral and explain how it is conveyed through key details in the text.

CCSS RL 4.2 Determine the theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.

- Explain to students that they are going to practice identifying the elements of a story.
 - Story elements are the parts that make up a story. Stories include characters, a setting, a problem, a solution, a theme, and a plot.
 - Characters can be people or animals.
 - The setting is where and when the story takes place.
 - The problem is an issue that the main characters are trying to solve.
 - The solution is how the problem is resolved or fixed.
 - The plot is the sequence of events that happen within the story.
 - The theme is the central message or lesson of the story.
- Practice identifying the story elements with the scenario below:

Mr. Bumps was Lily's pet turtle. She kept him in her room. Mr. Bumps lived inside of a blue fish tank. Sometimes Lily would let him out of the fish tank for some exercise. On this particular Friday, when Lily placed Mr. Bumps onto the floor, he ran across the carpet quickly. She tried to catch him but he was just too fast.

"Oh no!" she groaned. Mr. Bumps disappeared. She couldn't find him anywhere! Lily had not cleaned her room like she was supposed to. She knew she had to do something. First she began picking up all of her dirty clothes. Then she started putting away all of her toys. Lily found Mr. Bumps peeking out from underneath the bed. "There you are, Mr. Bumps!" Lily said.

- Characters
 - Setting
 - Problem
 - Solution
 - Plot
 - Theme
- Choose one of the Adventures Series read-aloud books to practice identifying story elements. Have students complete *All About My Story*.

All About My Story

Name: _____

Directions: Story elements help us understand each part of a story. Story elements are the character(s), setting, conflict, solution, theme, and plot (or key events). Think about a story that you would like to write. Fill in each box below. Next, write three main events that will happen in your story.

Characters	Setting
Theme	
Problem	Solution

Plot

Beginning: _____

Middle: _____

End: _____
