



PLOT DEVELOPMENT AND SEQUENCE

Plot includes the events, problems, and solutions in a story.
The sequence of a passage is the order of events.

TIPS:

- Problems are difficult situations and things that go wrong for the characters in a story.
- Solutions are how problems work out or are taken care of.
- Characters often learn lessons from working through their problems.
- Sequence tells when something happens.
- Sequence tells who, what, when, and where.
- Sequence can order events, character actions, settings, feelings, problems, etc. in a story.
- Sequence gives directions when telling how something is done.
- Watch for dates and other time order words.

SEQUENCE SIGNAL WORDS:

first	next	last	following
first thing	right after	then	in conclusion
when	now	before	
not long	afterward	after	
finally	beginning	middle	end

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QUESTION STEMS:

Plot Development

- What was the BIGGEST problem?
- How is the problem solved?
- What problem did ___ expect to have when ___?
- What is the MOST important lesson that the character learns?
- Which words BEST describe the character's reaction when ___?
- Which statement does NOT support the character's decision?

Sequence

- What event from the BEGINNING (END, MIDDLE) of the story led you to believe ...?
- What happened just BEFORE (AFTER) ___?
- What happened FIRST (NEXT, LAST)?
- What happened AFTER ___ but BEFORE ___?
- What was the LAST step in ___?
- What was the FIRST clue that ___ was going to ___?
- In the LAST paragraph, why did the author end the passage with...?