

Summer 2021



Dear Incoming 7th Grade Student,

We look forward to you being enrolled in the upcoming school year at Calvary Academy middle school. All 7th grade students at Calvary Academy are responsible to read **one** book during the summer and complete the following assignments:

Required Summer Reading Book- *Among the Hidden*-Margaret Peterson Haddix

1. Read *Among the Hidden*, read and complete the attached **"Character Traits" form**. You will be writing a Character Analysis during the first full week of Language Arts class. A list of possible Character Traits is attached as well.
2. Complete the attached "Building Blocks of Plot" diagram to guide your reading and Diary Project.
3. Diary Project: Create a diary – telling the story, not from the main character's perspective but from a minor character's point of view. For example, for *Among the Hidden* you may select Mr. Garner, Mrs. Garner, Matthew, Mark, or Mr. Talbot or any other character other than Luke. Use the "Building Blocks of Plot" diagram to guide your writing. Your diary entries must include all the elements of the story such as exposition (characters, setting, conflict), rising action, climax, and falling action and resolution. This project needs to read like a diary so include a good character description of yourself and the other characters of the story so we can better understand the plot from your character's point of view. **You must have a minimum of 10 entries, approximately 7 to 10 sentences for each entry (double spaced, 12 font, Times New Roman).**

Your project must be turned in by the first Friday of school.

Have a blessed summer.

In His Service,

Stephanie Cruz

Name _____

Date _____

Character Traits

Write the name of the main character of your story in the banner at the top. Then write three traits the character possesses in the middle three boxes. In the bottom boxes, write examples from the book of the character demonstrating each of the three traits.

Title ~~example~~ _____

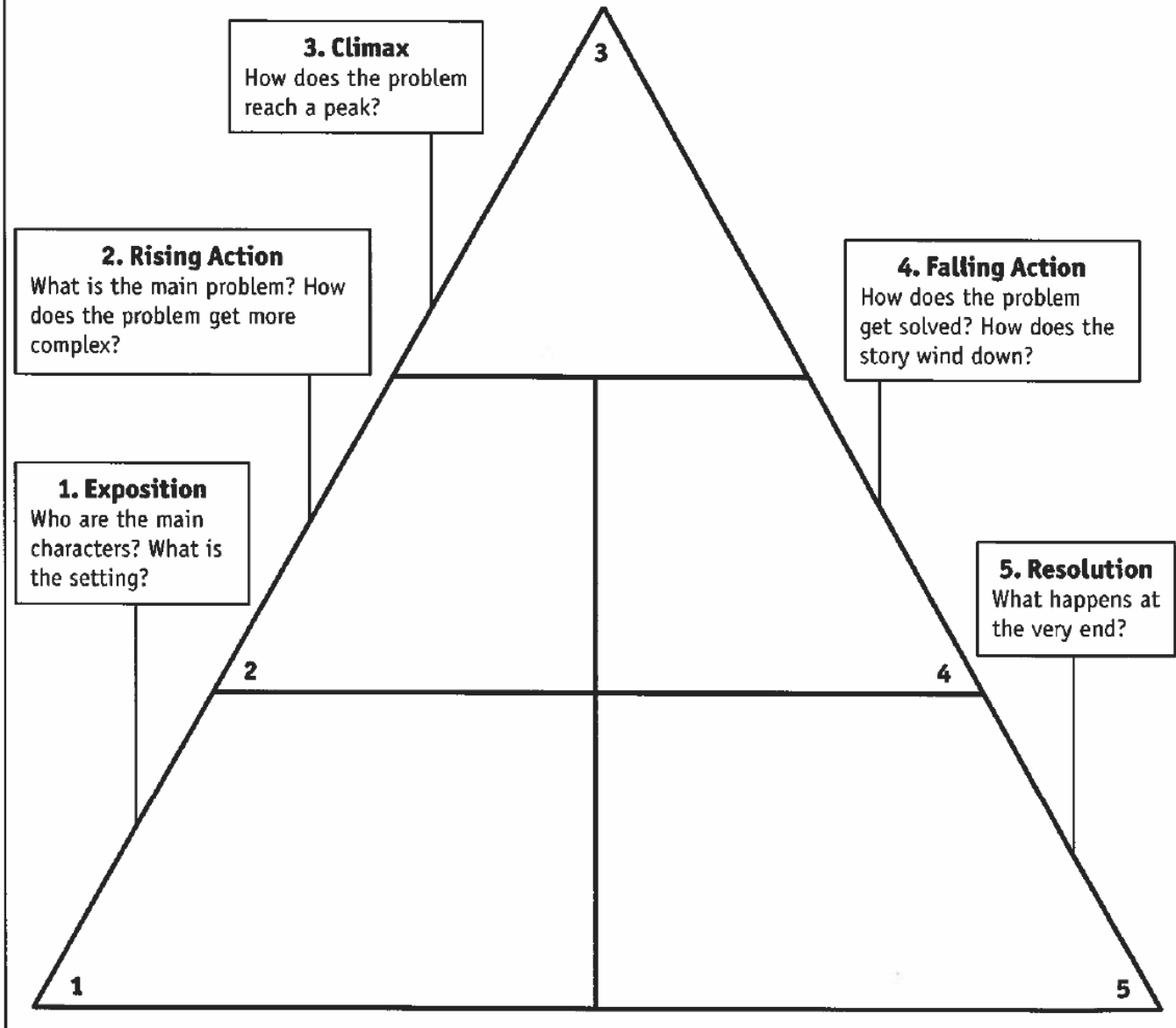
The diagram is a flowchart for character analysis. At the top is a banner with a ribbon-like border. Three lines descend from the bottom center of the banner to three circles, each containing the word "is". Below each "is" circle is a rectangular box for a trait. A vertical line connects each trait box to an oval containing the word "because". Below each "because" oval is a large, rounded rectangular box for an example. At the bottom of each example box is a line for the page number, labeled "Page #".

SKILL: Understanding Plot

Building Blocks of Plot

Every story is different, but most stories follow a similar pattern. In the exposition, we meet the characters and learn about the setting. Then the plot thickens—the main problem is introduced and things get more complicated during the rising action. The climax of the story happens before things wind down during the falling action. Then comes the resolution, when the problem is straightened out (or not) and the story ends. These different parts of a story are known as “plot points.”

Directions: Each block in the pyramid below is one part of the plot of the story you are reading. In each block, write the answer to the question. When you’re done, you’ll see the main plot points of the story.



Character Traits



Z-Z-Z-Z **Boring:** The nurse was nice to her patient.

Interesting: The tender and compassionate nurse never left her patient's side.

<p>bossy aggressive controlling demanding domineering forceful intimidating overbearing tyrannical</p> <p>brave adventurous audacious bold chivalrous courageous daring dauntless fearless gallant heroic knightly valiant valorous</p> <p>cowardly fearful gutless passive spineless timid weak</p> <p>crazy demented disturbed insane lunatic maniacal</p> <p>creative artistic clever gifted imaginative</p>	<p>ingenious innovative inspired inventive original unique</p> <p>determined driven persevering persistent steadfast</p> <p>dishonest corrupt deceitful deceptive devious disingenuous untruthful</p> <p>disobedient defiant insubordinate lawless rebellious undisciplined unmanageable unruly</p> <p>driven industrious sedulous studious</p> <p>energetic active animated enthusiastic high-spirited lively sprightly vivacious</p>	<p>enthusiastic ardent eager earnest excited exuberant passionate zealous</p> <p>evil corrupt fiendish hateful immoral monstrous sinful sinister vile wicked</p> <p>forgiving gracious magnanimous merciful</p> <p>friendly affable amiable amicable congenial convivial cordial genial good-natured warm</p> <p>fun amusing convivial enjoyable entertaining exciting imaginative lively playful</p>	<p>funny amusing comical entertaining hilarious humorous hysterical witty</p> <p>generous benevolent charitable magnanimous noble selfless self-sacrificing unselfish</p> <p>hard-working ambitious assiduous diligent</p> <p>honest honorable forthright sincere straightforward trustworthy truthful</p> <p>hostile aggressive antagonistic argumentative belligerent combative contentious pugnacious quarrelsome</p> <p>humble meek modest self-effacing</p>	<p>irresponsible careless flighty forgetful inattentive undependable unreliable untrustworthy</p> <p>jealous covetous envious green-eyed possessive</p> <p>kind caring compassionate considerate courteous gentle gracious loving soft-hearted sweet sympathetic tender thoughtful warm</p> <p>lazy heavy-footed idle indolent languorous slothful slow-moving unmotivated</p> <p>loyal committed dedicated devoted faithful steadfast</p>
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Character Traits

mean

barbarous
brutal
cold-hearted
cruel
heartless
insensitive
malevolent
malicious
ruthless
uncaring
unkind
vicious

moral

chaste
ethical
noble
principled
pure
righteous
virtuous

negative

critical
cynical
defeated
hopeless
pessimistic
sarcastic

outgoing

convivial
extroverted
gregarious
personable
sociable
social
unreserved

polite

affable
civil
cordial
courteous
gracious
respectful

positive

cheerful
hopeful
idealistic
optimistic
anguine

Practical

level-headed
logical
pragmatic
rational
realistic
reasonable
sensible

prideful

arrogant
boastful
conceited
egotistical
haughty
narcissistic
pompous
smug
vain

respectable

admirable
honorable
laudable
praiseworthy
reputable
upright

responsible

conscientious
dependable
dutiful
mature
reliable
trustworthy

revengeful

malicious
punitive
retaliatory
spiteful
vengeful
vindictive

rude

boorish
churlish
discourteous
disrespectful
impertinent
impolite
impudent
inconsiderate
insolent
surlly
uncivil

selfish

egocentric
greedy
miserly
parsimonious
self-centered
stingy

serious

austere
humorless
intense
solemn
somber
stern

silly

childish
clownish
immature
nonsensical
senseless

smart

bookish
bright
brilliant
clever
ingenious
intellectual
intelligent
knowledgeable
quick-witted
sharp

strange

awkward
bizarre
eccentric
mysterious
odd
outlandish
peculiar
unusual
weird

stubborn

hardheaded
headstrong
obstinate
persistent
stiff-necked
strong-willed
willful

stupid

brainless
foolish
idiotic
imbecilic
mindless
moronic
simple
unintelligent
witless

talented

accomplished
adept
artistic
brilliant
experienced
expert
gifted
ingenious
skilled
skillful

tricky

conniving
crafty
cunning
devious

mischievous
scheming
shrewd
sly
sneaky
wily

uncaring

apathetic
callous
cold
heartless
indifferent
insensitive
unsympathetic

understanding

accepting
empathetic
perceptive
sensitive
sympathetic

unforgiving

begrudging
bitter
embittered
merciless
resentful

unsocial

introverted
reclusive
reserved
solitary
standoffish
unsociable
withdrawn

wise

discerning
enlightened
insightful
judicious
perceptive
prudent
sagacious