



Consequences

Suggested time: 2.5 Hours

What's important in this lesson:

- Understanding the concept of plot and using a plot graph to organize plot development
- Recognizing that unfair behaviour has consequences.
- Understanding how to write an effective thank you letter

Complete these steps:

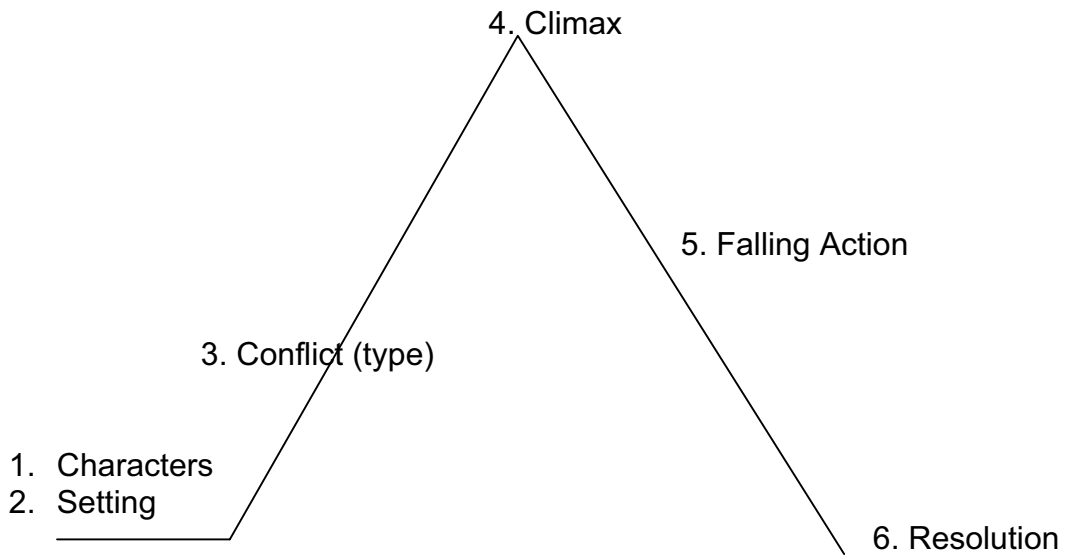
1. Complete the plot graph organizer called "Story Elements" to review plot elements. Work with your teacher to clarify anything you're unsure of.
2. Read a short story which involves issues of justice/fairness.
3. Complete the "Character Action" consequences worksheet.
4. Write a thank you letter in-role from one character to another. See your "Thank You Letter" handout for instructions. Refer to the sample thank you letter and to the rubric as guides to writing an effective letter.

Hand-in the following to your teacher:

1. Plot graph worksheet called "Story Elements" (to be assessed by teacher for accuracy at the time of completion).
2. "Character Action" consequence graphic organizer
3. Your in-role Thank You Letter from one character to another



Story Elements



Use the markings on the plot graph to records the events of the story.

1. Characters:

2. Setting:

3. Conflict(s):

4. Climax:

5. Falling Action:

6. Resolution:



Character Action

The characters treat others in the short story unfairly. In the Graphic Organizer below, describe the unfair actions, why they are unfair, and what the consequences are.

Character Name:	Unfair Action:	Why Unfair:	Consequence



Thank You Letter

Using the information from the short story “Thank You, Ma’am” by Langston Hughes, write a thank you letter to Mrs. Jones. Use the point of view and voice of Roger.

Several years have passed. In the letter, include events from the short story, apologize for treating Mrs. Jones unfairly, and explain the lesson you, Roger, have learned.

Consult the sample letter on the following page for formatting ideas.

Write your draft here:

Student Handout: Unit 3 Lesson 2



Sample Thank You Letter

1345 Main Street West,
Burlington, ON
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August 12, 2006

Dear Mr. Smith,

I am writing to thank you for your help in receiving my scholarship. It is very exciting and I'm pleased to inform you that my application was successful.

You taught me many things about the work that you do, such as research and writing. I now have better knowledge that I will carry with me for many years and through my schooling.

Thank you again for your help and hard work.

Sincerely Yours,

Jeff Bloom