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4 Corners Graphic Organizers for Reading Comprehension

Graphic organizers make arranging information easier. When students are asked to summarize a story, article, or event, they can become overwhelmed. Graphic organizers help students to break information down into pieces. This makes the idea of summarizing a story or book more accessible to even a student who struggles processing information.

#1 Organizer: The first graphic organizer is designed for elementary students who are learning about the basics of a story. I usually require my students to draw and write at least 1-3 sentences in each block (depends on ability & age of student).

#2 Organizer: The second graphic organizer is designed for summarizing and breaking down events such as the Civil War. I usually require students to write 3-5 complete sentences to answer each question: Who, Where & When, What, and Why. I have used it a brainstorming activity before where students did not write sentences, but jotted down quick notes.

#3 Organizer: The third organizer is one that can be used with younger elementary students. Read a storybook to your child and then ask them to draw a picture or write a sentence about the main character in the book. Now, for the rest of the squares, ask your child to describe what happened at the beginning of the book, middle, and end. Help your child to write or encourage them to draw a picture to show what happened throughout the story. Go back through the book showing them the picture clues to help them sequence the story.

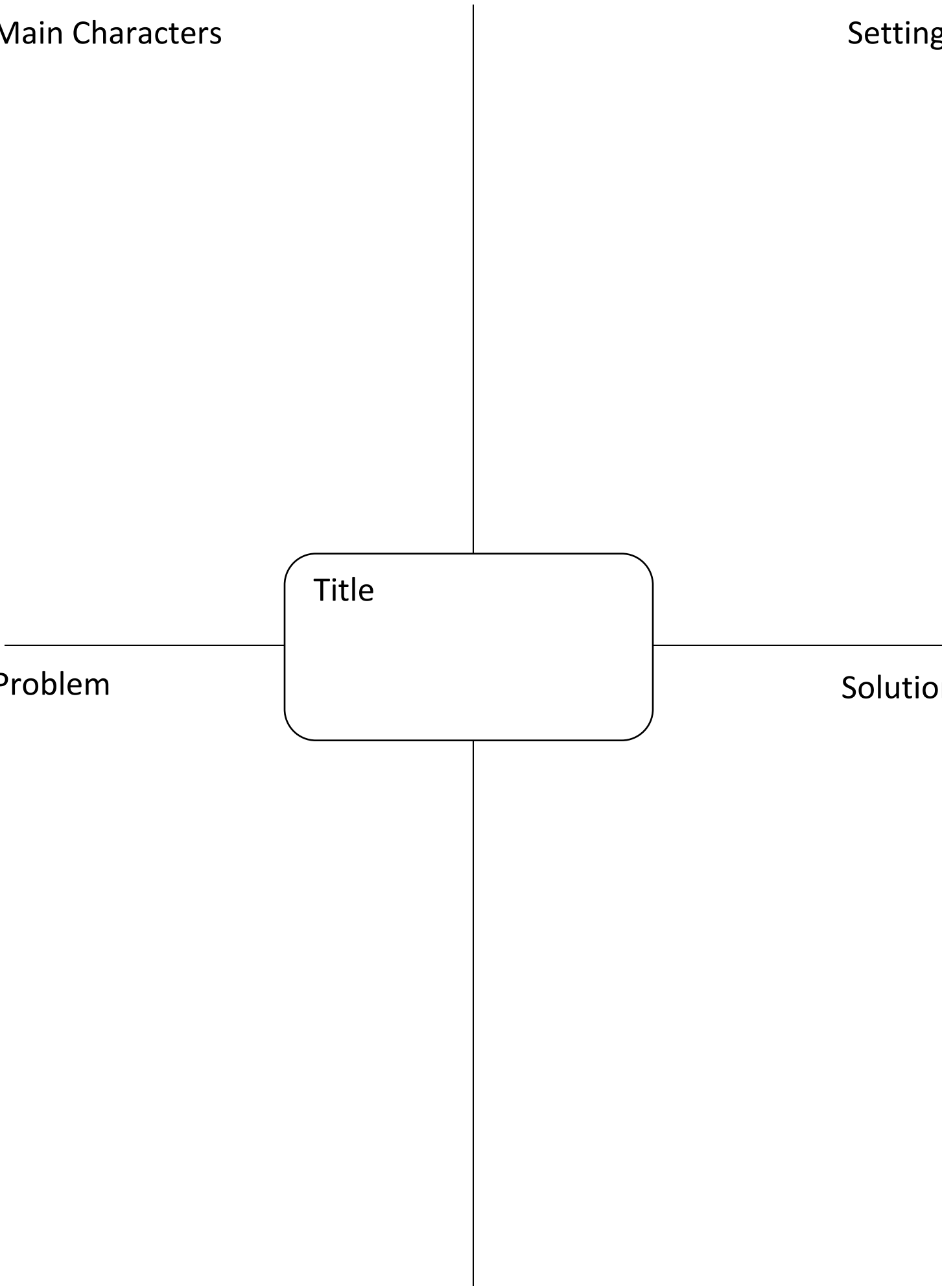
Main Characters

Setting

Title

Problem

Solution

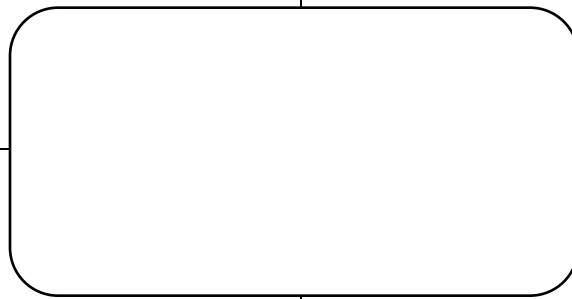


Who

Where & When

What

Why



Characters

Beginning

Story

Middle

Ending

