

Story Elements

4th Grade

Character, setting, problem, events, solution, theme — one question each.

CHARACTER

Who is the story about?

Name them, then say what they want.

SETTING

Where and when does it happen?

Place + time of day + season.

PROBLEM

What goes wrong?

The thing stopping the character getting what they want.

EVENTS

What happens, in order?

Beginning → middle → end. Three key moments.

SOLUTION

How is the problem solved?

Who fixes it, and what changes because of it.

THEME

What is the story really about?

The lesson — written as a full sentence, not one word.

AFTER EVERY BOOK

Say all six out loud. It takes two minutes and it is the whole comprehension test.