

## Story Map from Characters' Perspectives

### What is a Story Map from Characters' Perspectives and why is it important?

A Story Map from Characters' Perspectives (Shanahan & Shanahan, 1997) is a graphic organizer that helps student understand and interpret stories. Students identify the important parts of a story and view them from the perspectives of different characters.

### How can I use a Story Map from Characters' Perspectives with my students?

Guide students to complete a Story Map from Characters' Perspectives, first from one character's perspective and then from another's. Encourage students to think about the "problem," "events," and "ending" from each character's point of view and then to compare each character's interpretation. Following is an example of a Story Map from Characters' Perspectives for the book *Stone Fox*.

Setting:	Wyoming	Wyoming
Characters:	Willy	Stone Fox
Problem:	Willy and his sick Grandpa will lose their farm without money to pay the taxes.	Stone Fox is determined to buy land so his tribe can leave the reservation.
Events:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Willy believes he can win the race because he has a fast dog and they know the course.</li> <li>2. Willy tried to talk to Stone Fox.</li> <li>3. Willy petted the Samoyeds.</li> <li>4. Willy raced his dog hard and led the race. He was determined to win.</li> <li>5. Willy's dog died before reaching the finish line.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Stone Fox believes he will win because he has five strong dogs and has never lost a race.</li> <li>2. Stone Fox never talked to white people because of the way they treated his people.</li> <li>3. Stone Fox hit him for touching his dogs.</li> <li>4. Stone Fox let his dogs take a gradual lead and caught up to Willy. He was determined to win.</li> <li>5. Stone Fox stopped his sled and saw that Willy's dog, Searchlight, was dead. Stone Fox stopped the other racers and let Willy carry his dog across the finish line.</li> </ol>
Ending:	Willy carried his dog across the finish line.	

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