

# SMART™ Lesson

## Story Structure

When we read a story, it usually has a beginning, a middle, and an end. The beginning tells us about the characters and the setting, the middle is where the main event or conflict happens, and the end wraps up the story, with the problem being solved or not.

### Parts of a Story

#### Beginning

The beginning of a story introduces the characters, the setting, and the problem. These are the things that will help the reader to understand what is happening in the story. It is important to understand who the characters are, where and when the story is taking place and what the problem is.

#### Middle

The middle of the story is where the main event or conflict happens. It is where the problem is at its worst, and where the characters struggle to solve it. In this part, the writer might introduce new characters, locations, or events that make the problem even more challenging for the protagonist.

#### End

The end of the story is where the problem is solved or not solved. If the problem is solved, the characters might have learned something, grown, or changed in some way. They might have formed new relationships, or new paths might have been opened. If the problem is not solved, the characters might feel sad, or they might need to try again in a different way.

### Questions:

1. What are the three parts of a story?
2. What is the beginning of the story?
3. What happens in the middle of the story?
4. What happens at the end of the story?
5. What might happen to the characters in the end of the story if the problem is solved?