

RESOURCES

SAMPLE STORY MAP

Using a sheet of notebook paper or construction paper, make a simple story map for your child to complete as he reads a story.

BOOK TITLE: _____ AUTHOR: _____

CHARACTERS	
	SETTING
PROBLEM	
	SOLUTION

Your child can describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.

- Identify the characters in a story.
- Orally describe a character.
- Identify basic story elements as well as major events or challenges within a story.
- Establish a connection that relates to the main topic.
- Identify the cause and effect or the problem and solution of the actions, events, or steps and how it relates to the topic.
- Use prior knowledge to predict what is coming next in the text.
- Monitor thinking so that he understands when meaning is lost.

HELP AT HOME

- ▶ Choose a character from a favorite book or movie and have your child describe his hair color, eye color, face shape, body shape, etc.
- ▶ Show the front and back of a book and the table of contents. Ask your child to list as many possible outcomes for the story as he can think of.