

First Draft

MATERIALS

PLOT

In your File Folder Project you will be charting 10 major plot events from the novel. While reading your book, list the plot events below in sequential order (number one should be an event from the beginning of the book and number ten should be an event at the end of the book). Then, complete the first draft of the plot diagram on the next page.

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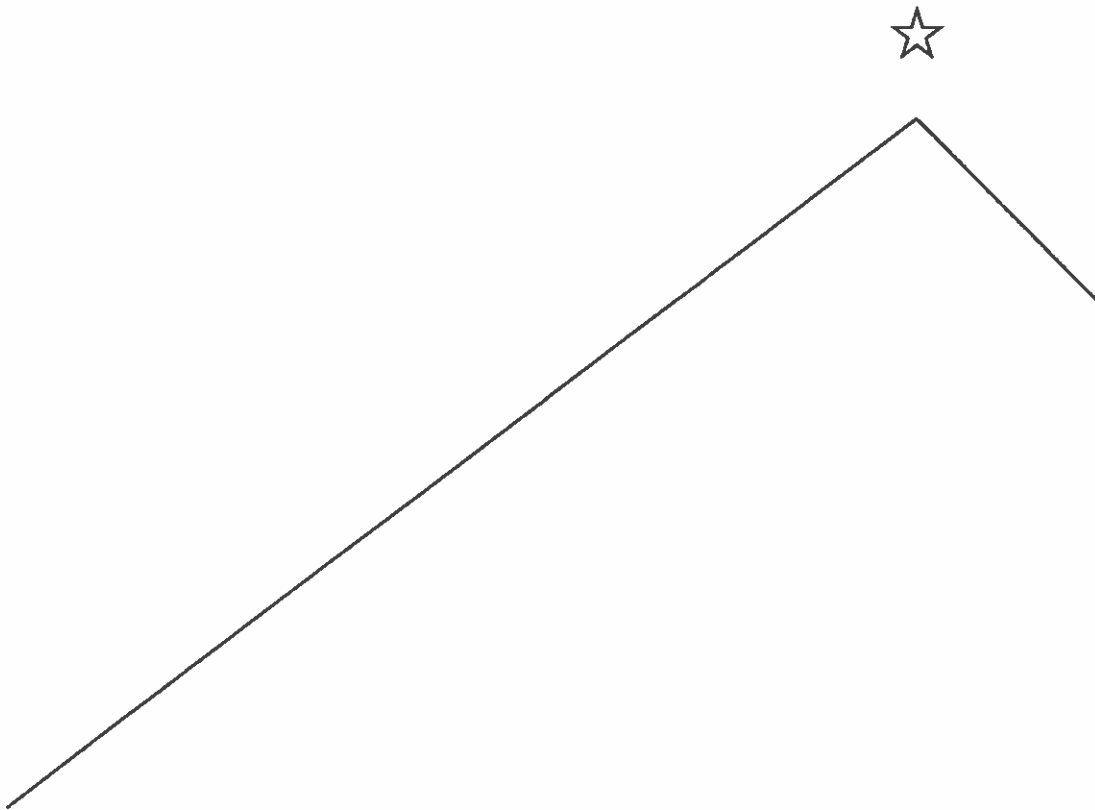
10.

Now...place a star next to the most exciting part of the novel. This will represent the **climax** of the story. It usually occurs toward the end of the novel.

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PLOT DIAGRAM

Plot the ten events on the diagram below. This diagram will be your first draft. The event that you put a star next to will be the climax of the story. The events leading up to the climax will be the rising action of the plot. After the climax, the remaining events will be the resolution or falling action.



NEXT STEPS:

- Review the spelling and punctuation of the plot diagram.
- Transfer the information from the first draft onto the final copy plot diagram provided to you.
- Glue the final copy of the plot diagram to the inside of the folder - left side, top of the folder.

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CHARACTERS

Choose three significant characters from the book. Complete the chart below. List the characters' names (include nicknames if applicable). Fill in the physical traits section of the chart with information about the way characters look and dress. The personality traits section of the chart should include what the character acts like.

CHARACTER NAME (include nicknames)	PHYSICAL TRAITS	PERSONALITY TRAITS

Answer the following question.

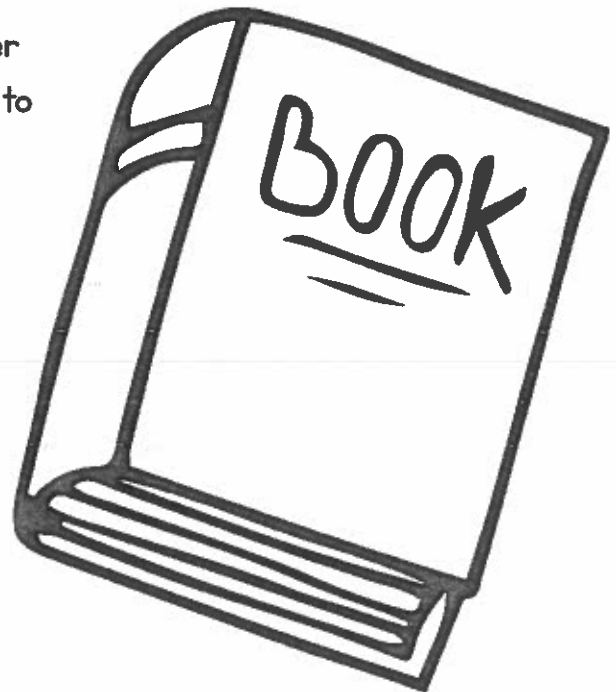
What has the main character learned about himself/herself or about others through his/her experiences in the novel?

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CHARACTERS

NEXT STEPS:

- Take a look at the character traits that you included in the chart. Are there any words that can be swapped out for more advanced vocabulary? Is it possible to add even more traits for each character?
- Review the spelling and punctuation of the first draft character chart and short response question.
- Transfer the information from your draft to the final copy character chart provided for you.
- Glue the final copy of the character chart and short response question to the inside of the folder - left side, bottom of the folder.



SETTING

Select a memorable scene location from the book (examples - bus stop, friend's house, park, desert).

WHERE does the scene take place?

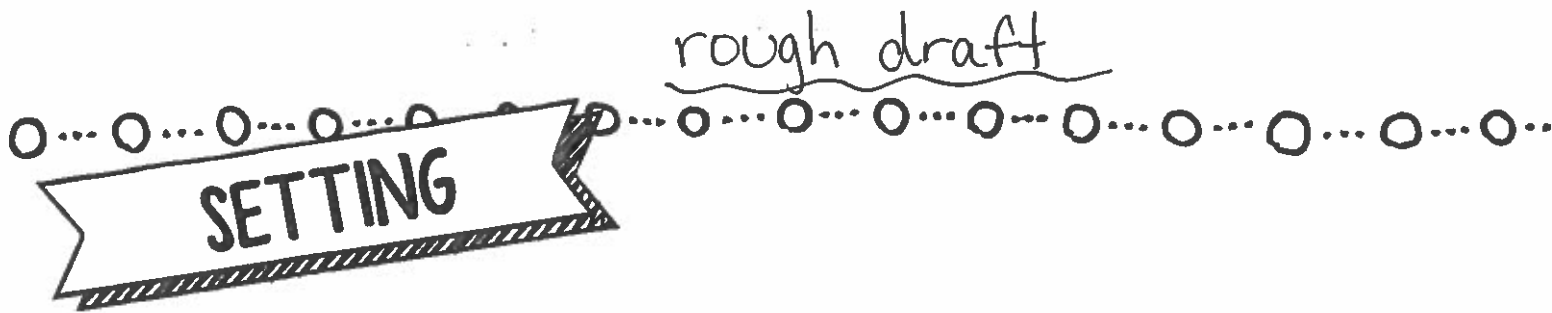
LIST details/adjectives to describe the scene.

WHEN does this scene occur in the book?

For the final file folder you will need to include a picture or illustration of the scene you described above. Here are some options for the scene picture:

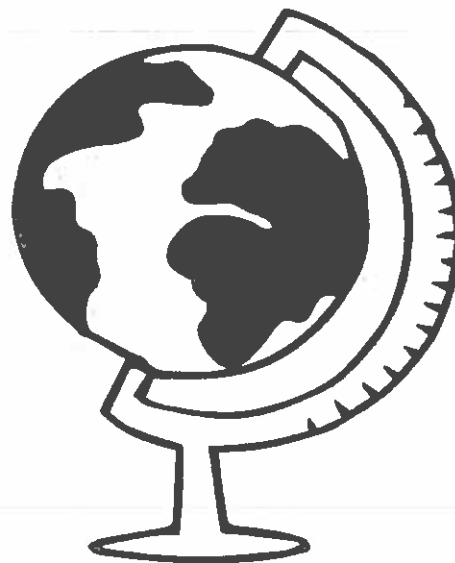
- Draw the scene.
- Print a picture to represent the scene location.
- Cut out magazine pictures to represent the scene location.

The box below represents the amount of space you will have for the scene picture. Practice or plan out your illustration below.



NEXT STEPS:

- Take a look at your plan for the setting picture. You'll want to make this image visually appealing. Consider ways to make it colorful and bold.
- Review the spelling and punctuation of your answers in response to the questions about the setting.
- Transfer the information from your draft to the final copy setting space provided for you.
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THEME

When you have finished reading your book, you can complete this page in your **FIRST DRAFT** packet.

You need to determine a theme for the book. The theme should be a lesson or message that applies to the world (not just the story). It's what the author wants the reader to learn about life.

To determine the theme consider:

What are the main things that happened in the book?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What do these events teach the reader about life?

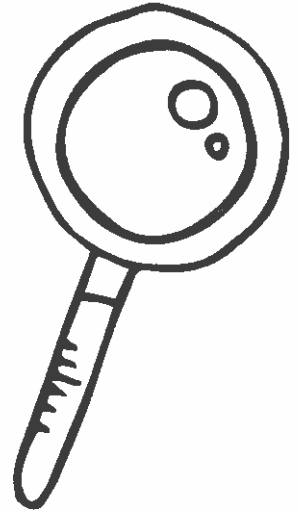
What is the author's message or theme?

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THEME

NEXT STEPS:

- Review the spelling and punctuation of the first draft of your theme analysis.
- Transfer the information from your draft to the final copy theme analysis space provided for you.
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REVIEW

It's time to get reflective about the book you read. Answer the following questions in a very thoughtful and detailed manner. Restate the question in each of your responses.

1. What were your feelings after reading the opening chapter(s) of this book? After reading half of the book? After finishing the book?
2. Did the book make you laugh? Cry? Smile? Cheer? Explain your reaction or add your own.
3. What connections are there between the book and your own life? Explain.
4. What are the best parts of the book? Why?
5. What are the worst parts of the book? Why?
6. Do you like the way the book ended? Why or why not?
7. Rate the book between 1-10 (ten being the highest). Explain your rating.

OTHER BOOKS

List other books written by the same author as the book you just read.

Here are some ways to locate the titles of other books:

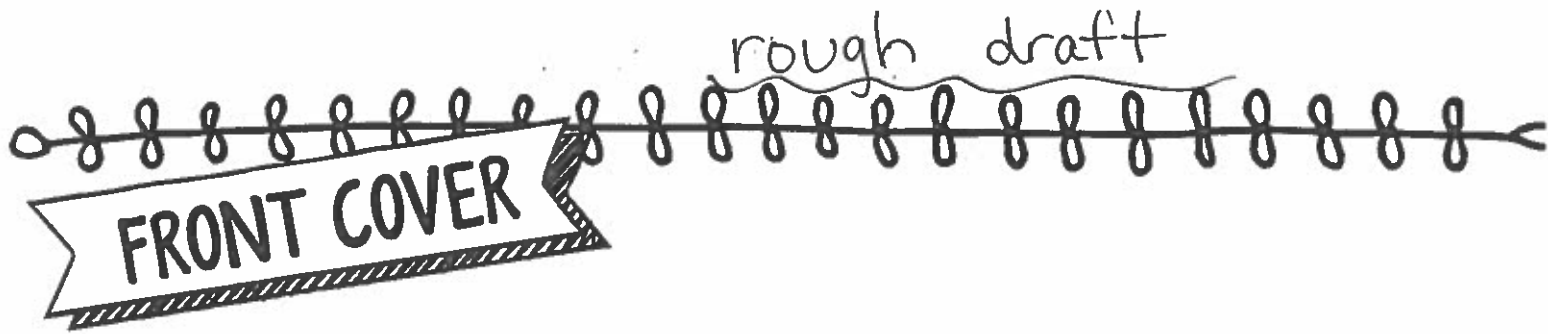
- Look for other titles listed in the book.
 - Go to the library.
 - Search the internet.

Be sure to use the correct capitalization and punctuation rules when writing each title.

List the titles below:

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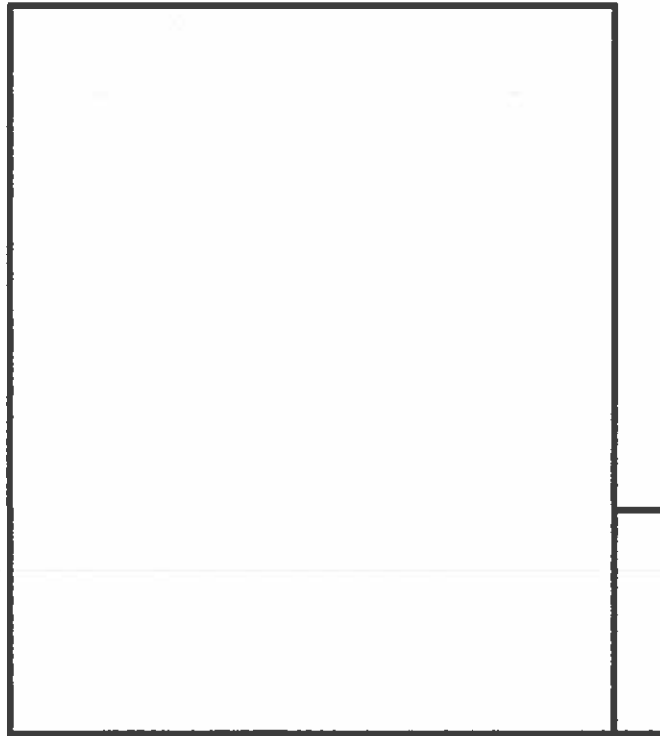
- Review the spelling, capitalization, and punctuation of the titles above
- Transfer the listing of titles to the "other books" space provided for you.
- Glue the final copy to the back of the folder along the bottom.



The front cover of your project should be bold, creative, and high quality.
It must include the book's title and author.

Brainstorm ideas for your project cover design below. You may want to try to get an image of the book cover from the internet, draw your own illustration, or design a new cover. Feel free to add other images that relate to the novel, decorations, and creative elements to the cover.

COVER BRAINSTORM:



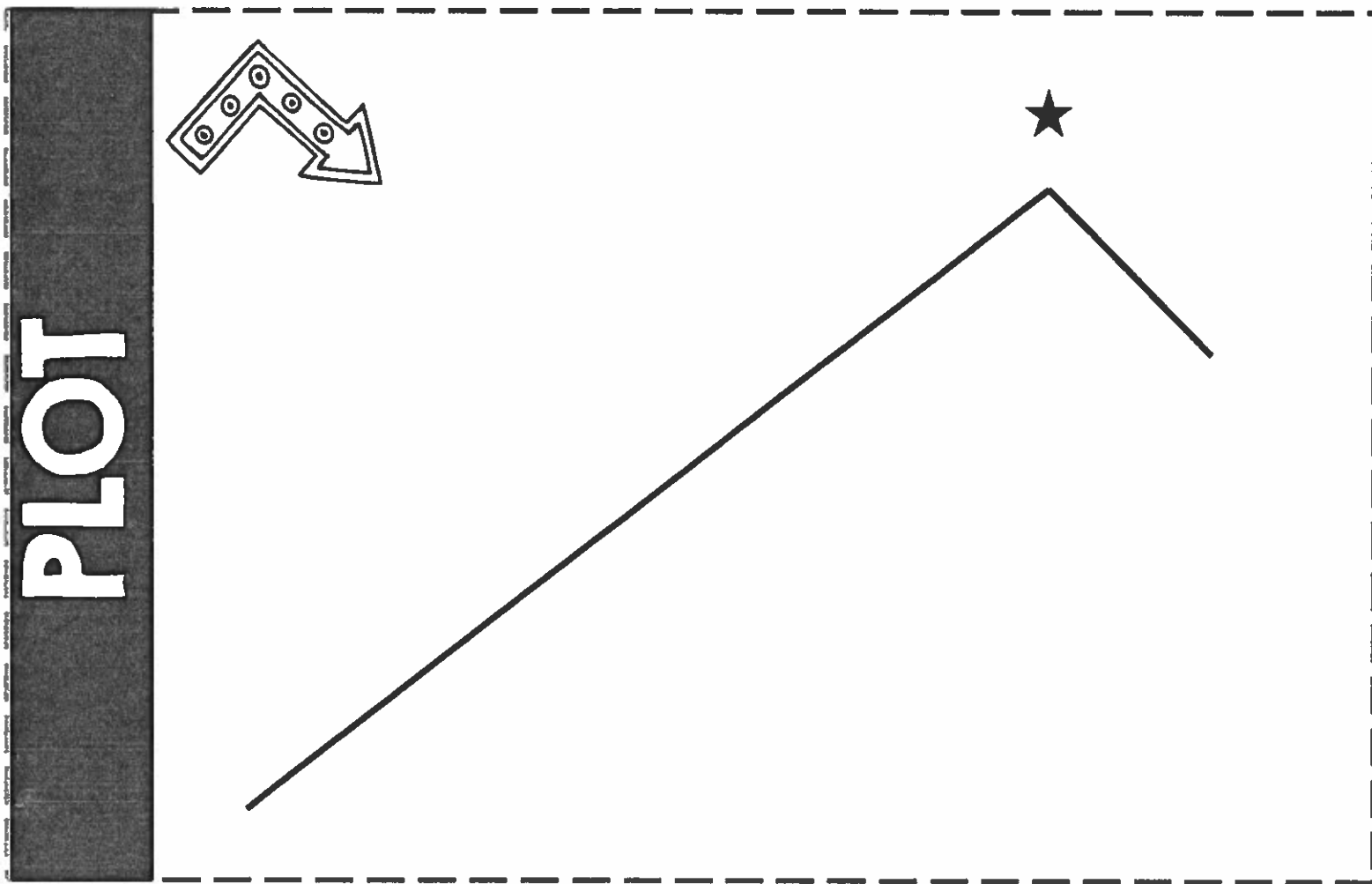
NEXT STEPS:

- Make sure you have a creative design for your front cover.
- Assemble the materials you will need and then design your project's front cover.

Final Copy

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Cut out each file folder element by cutting along the dotted lines of each shape. You'll want to be sure to include the words Plot, Characters, Setting, Theme, Review, and Other Books when cutting out the shapes. Glue each shape into its specified location on your file folder.



Use your first draft brainstorm to complete the character chart and question below. Since this is your final copy, be sure to write neatly. Then, cut out the shape along the dotted lines. Glue the shape under the "Plot" shape on the inside of the folder - left side, bottom.

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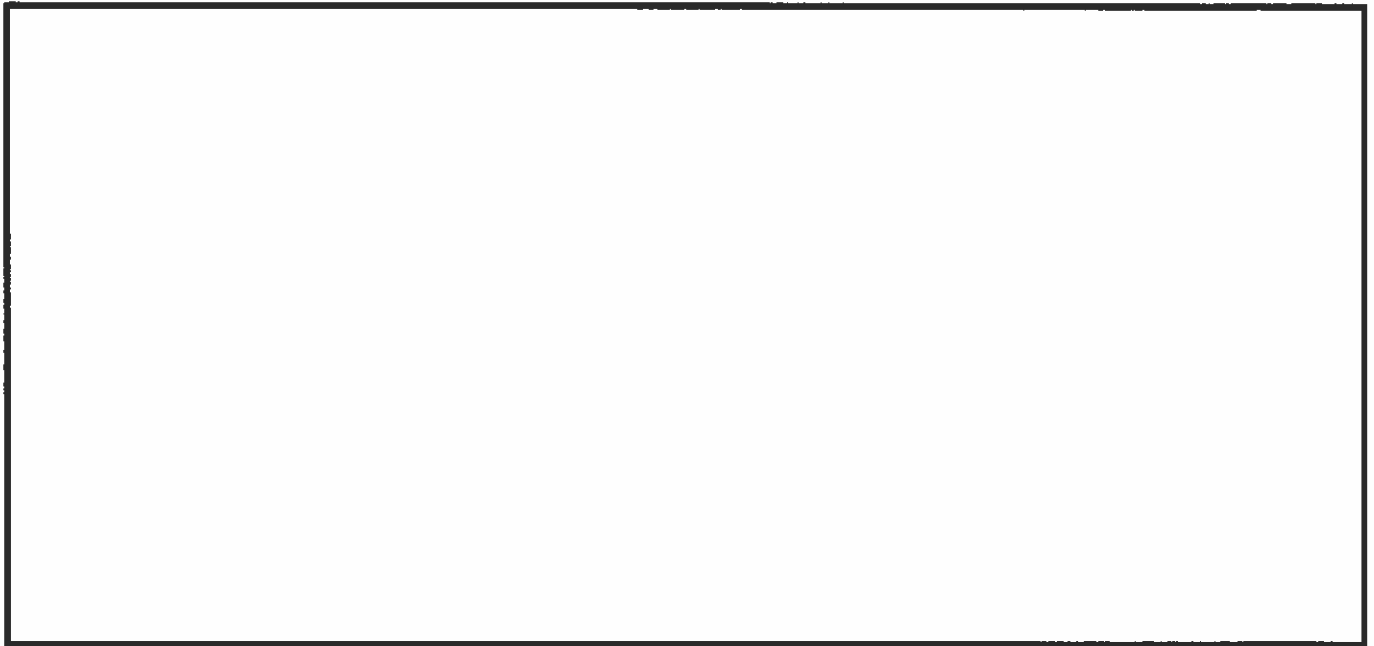
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SETTING

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WHEN does this scene occur in the book?



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THEME

Use the listing of books by the same author that you compiled in your FIRST DRAFT to fill in the shape below. Include books by the same author. Then, cut out the shape. Finally, glue the shape to the back of the folder under your REVIEW.

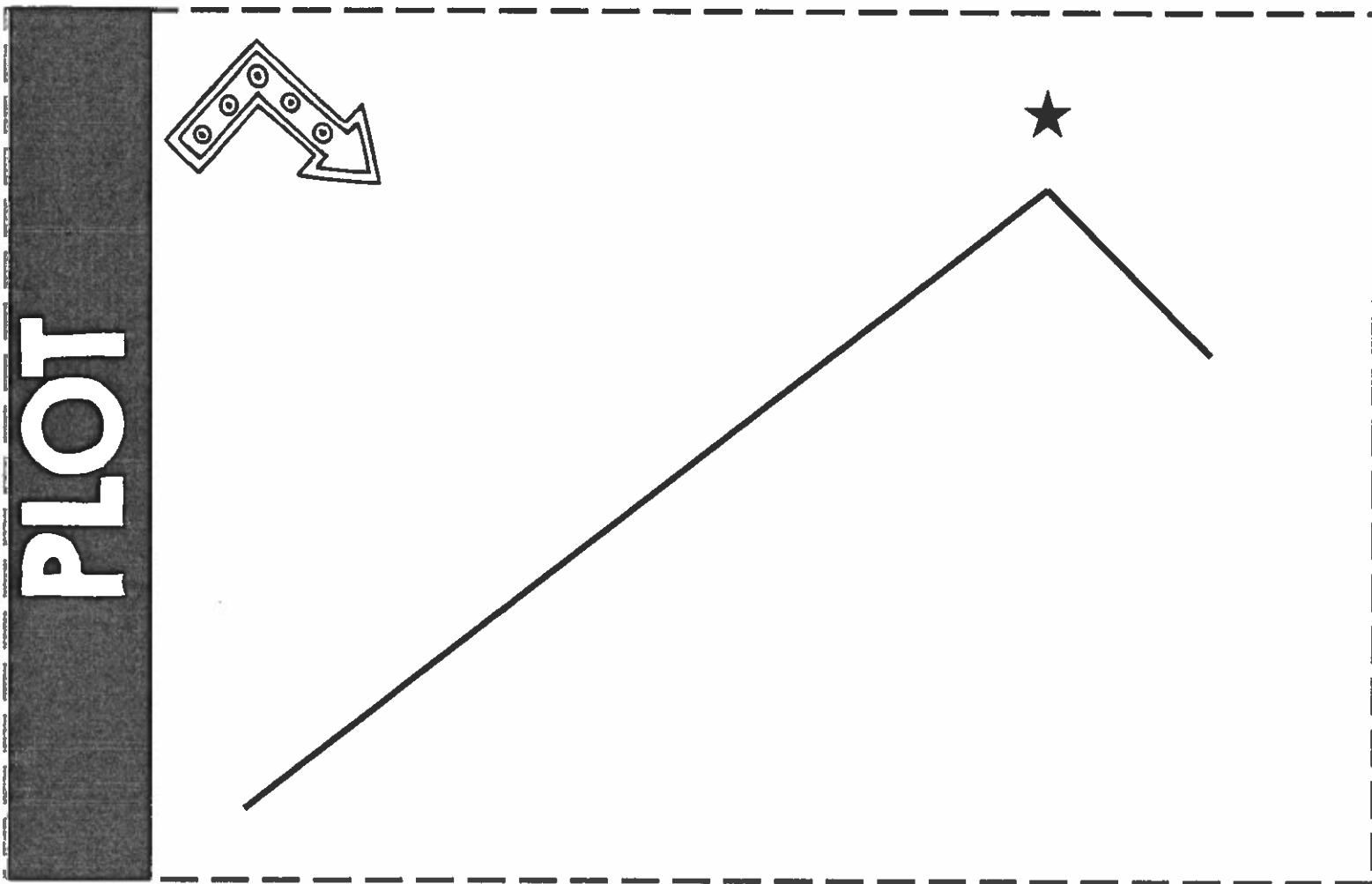


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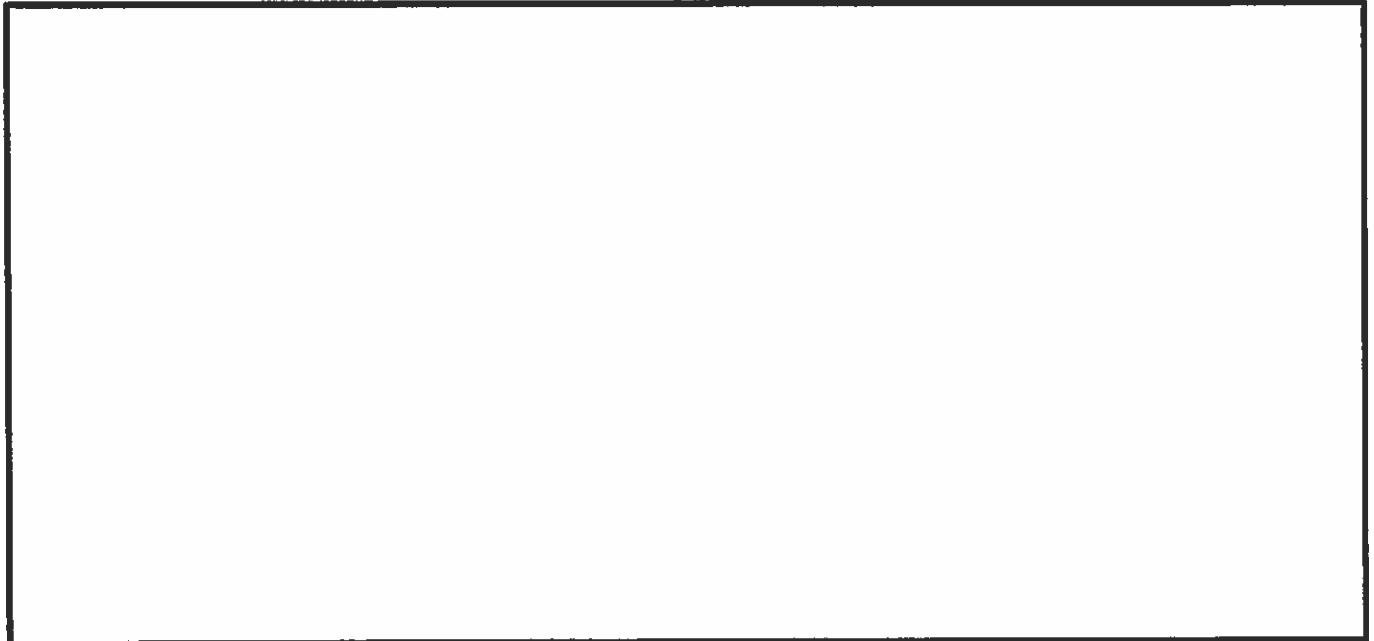
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A large dashed rectangular box intended for students to write the titles of books by the same author. On the left side of the box is a simple line drawing of a book with the word "BOOK" written on its cover. On the right side of the box is a dark vertical bar containing the text "OTHER BOOKS" written in white, bold, capital letters.

