

Katie's Trunk

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| 1 | Did you know that there are three main elements of story structure? | 6 | Well, Katie and her family experienced great conflict with their neighbors. |
| All | Element? What's an element? [gesture] | 7 | Conflict? What's conflict? Another story element? |
| 2 | Elements are parts. | All | Yes—Conflict is a problem! |
| All | Parts? | 8 | Katie and her neighbors were Tories. |
| 3 | Yes, parts of a story! | 9 | They were still loyal to the King of England. [sound effect] |
| All | Oh! [gesture] | 10 | So what happened? |
| 4 | One element is Characters. | 1 | The colonists called for Independence. |
| All | Characters! | All | No taxation without representation! |
| 5 | What's a character? | 2 | Some colonists dumped tea into the Boston Harbor. |
| 4 | You know. The characters are the people in the story around whom the story events revolve. | All | "Such a waste of God's good food!" |
| 5 | Got it. The characters are the people in the story. | 8 | Then one day, the rebels attacked Katie's family's home! |
| 6 | The next story element is Setting. | All | "Run! Run into the woods!" |
| 7 | Setting? | 3 | Oh my goodness! |
| All | Setting—The time and place in which a story occurs. When and where. [gesture] | 4 | The family ran into the woods to hide! |
| 7 | Setting—When and where! Next element please! | All | [sound effect] |
| 8 | Plot! | 5 | But Katie got so angry that she ran back into the house! |
| 9 | I know what a plot is! | 6 | "Don't touch my mama's things!" |
| 8 | Oh yeah? What is a plot? | 7 | Why? Why did Katie do that? |
| 9 | It's like a piece of land! | 8 | That's crazy! |
| All | Not THAT kind of plot! | 9 | It's definitely a problem! |
| 8 | A plot is the sequence of story events, which often includes a problem and a resolution. | 10 | So what happens next in the plot? |
| 9 | Characters, setting, plot, problem, and resolution—Are all these story elements in <u>Katie's Trunk</u> ? | 1 | And what is the resolution? |
| All | Yes! They sure are! [gesture] | All | Would you really like to know? |
| 10 | The characters are Katie, her family, and neighbors. | 1-10 | Yes! |
| 1 | What about the setting? | All | Then get a copy of <u>Katie's Trunk</u> and read it to the end! |
| 2 | Good question. This story takes place in 1775 | | Characters, setting, plot, problem, and resolution—Unlock <u>Katie's Trunk</u> and you will find them! [sound effect] [gesture] |
| 3 | in New England | | |
| 4 | a colony in America. | | |
| 5 | Then why were there problems? They were in America! [sound effect] | | |