

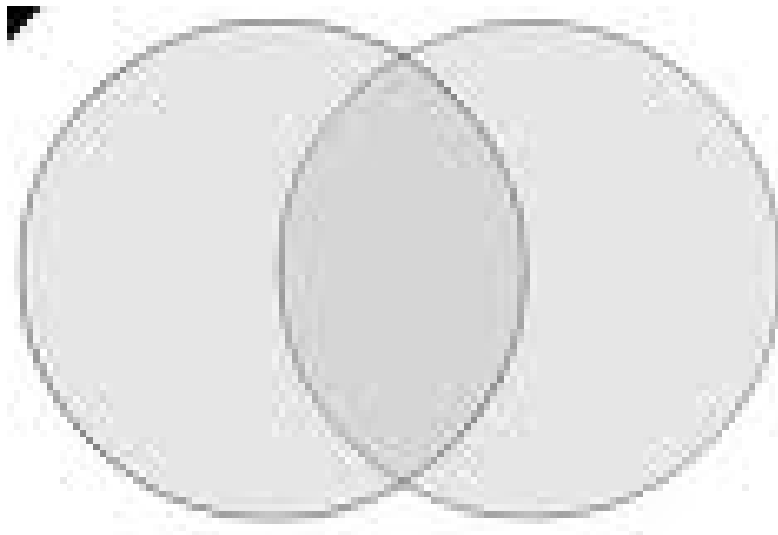
# Graphic Organizers

Graphic organizers are a great tool because they have many applications. They are a pictorial way of organizing information. They can be used to illustrate prior knowledge, organize story structure, and ideas. There are many graphic organizers that can be used to help develop comprehension with both fiction and nonfiction texts.

- Compare/Contrast
- Cause/Effect
- Problem/Solution
- Sequencing

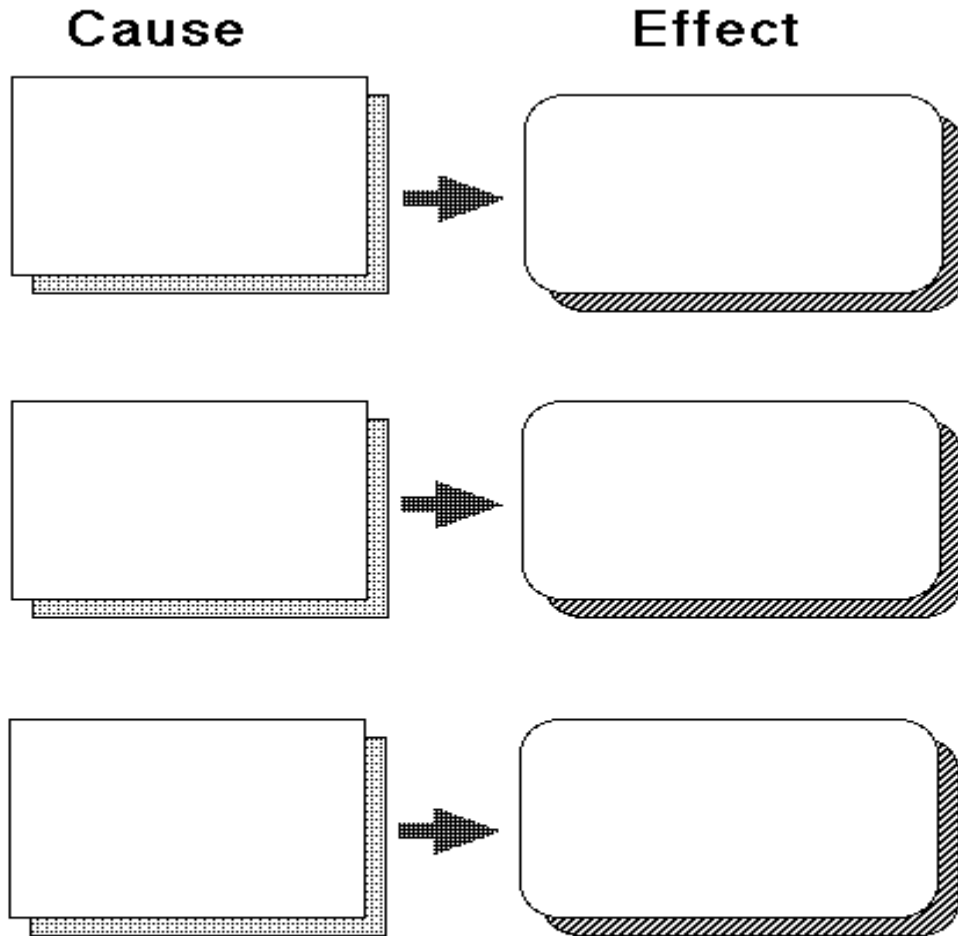
## **Compare/Contrast**

Venn Diagrams can help the learner build reading comprehension and higher order thinking skills by comparing and contrasting aspects of a text. They are usually used at the end of a text to determine similarities and differences. The learner can compare or tell how two or more characters or events are alike, and contrast to tell how two or more characters or events are different. They can also be used to compare and contrast ideas within nonfiction texts.



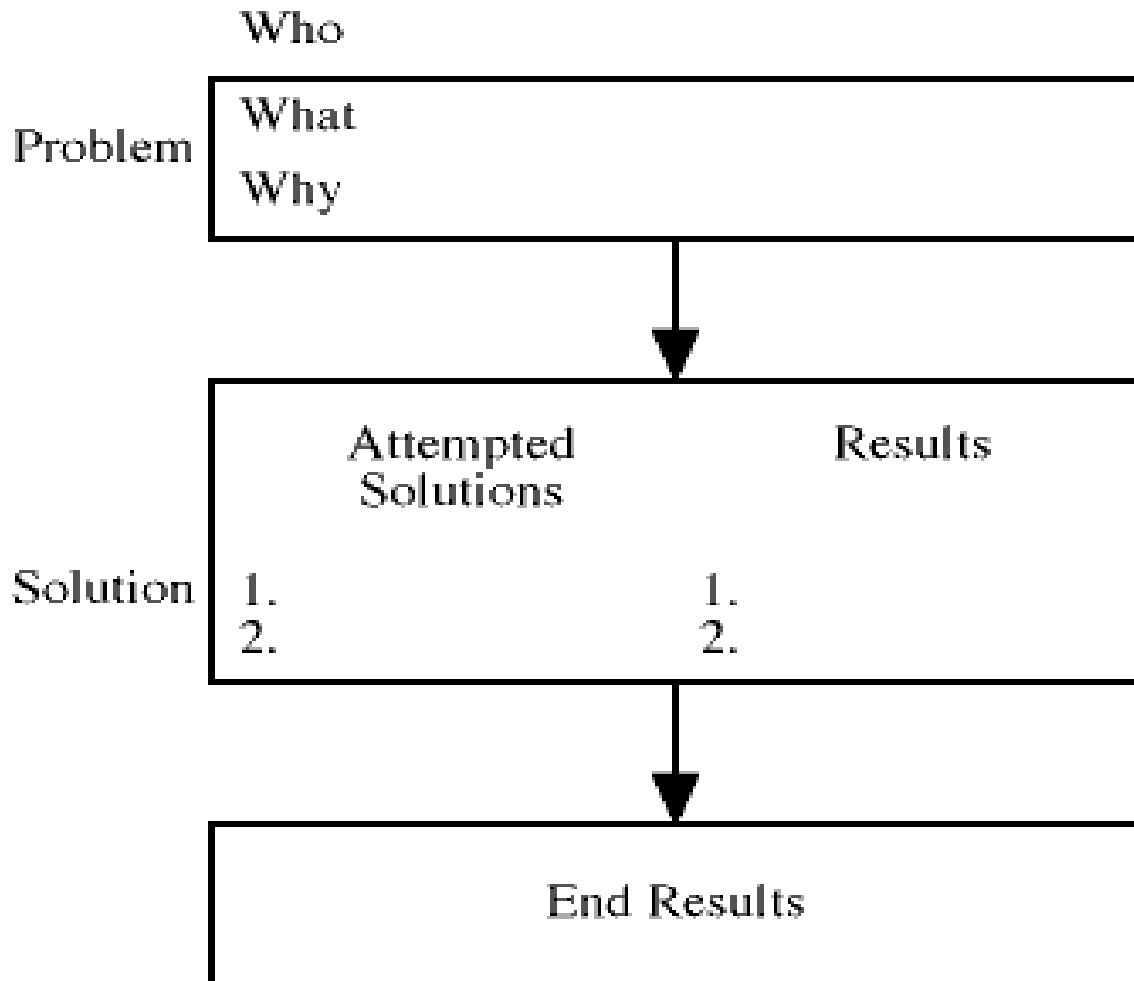
**Cause/Effect**

Cause and Effect organizers are used to illustrate the cause and effect, or the linear sequence of events that progress from one event making the next event happen. Understanding the cause and effect in a story helps students comprehend the story structure and meaning better.



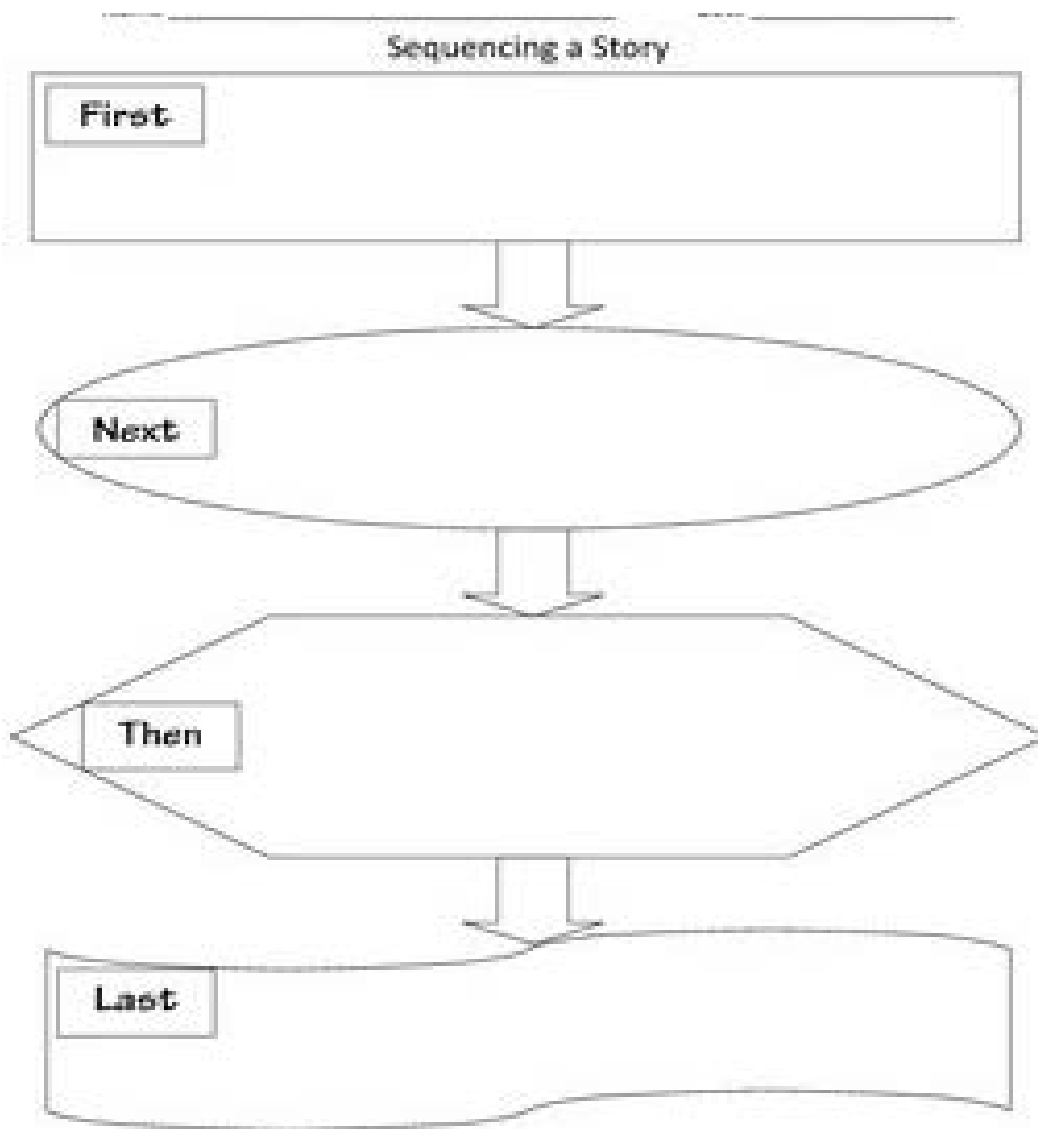
**Problem/Solution**

This graphic organizer allows the student to identify the main problem and possible solutions to the problem. The learner can identify what the main character's goal is, and key events in the story. They can also identify problems and solutions given within a nonfiction text. This activity helps the learner to understand how a problem can have several possible solutions.

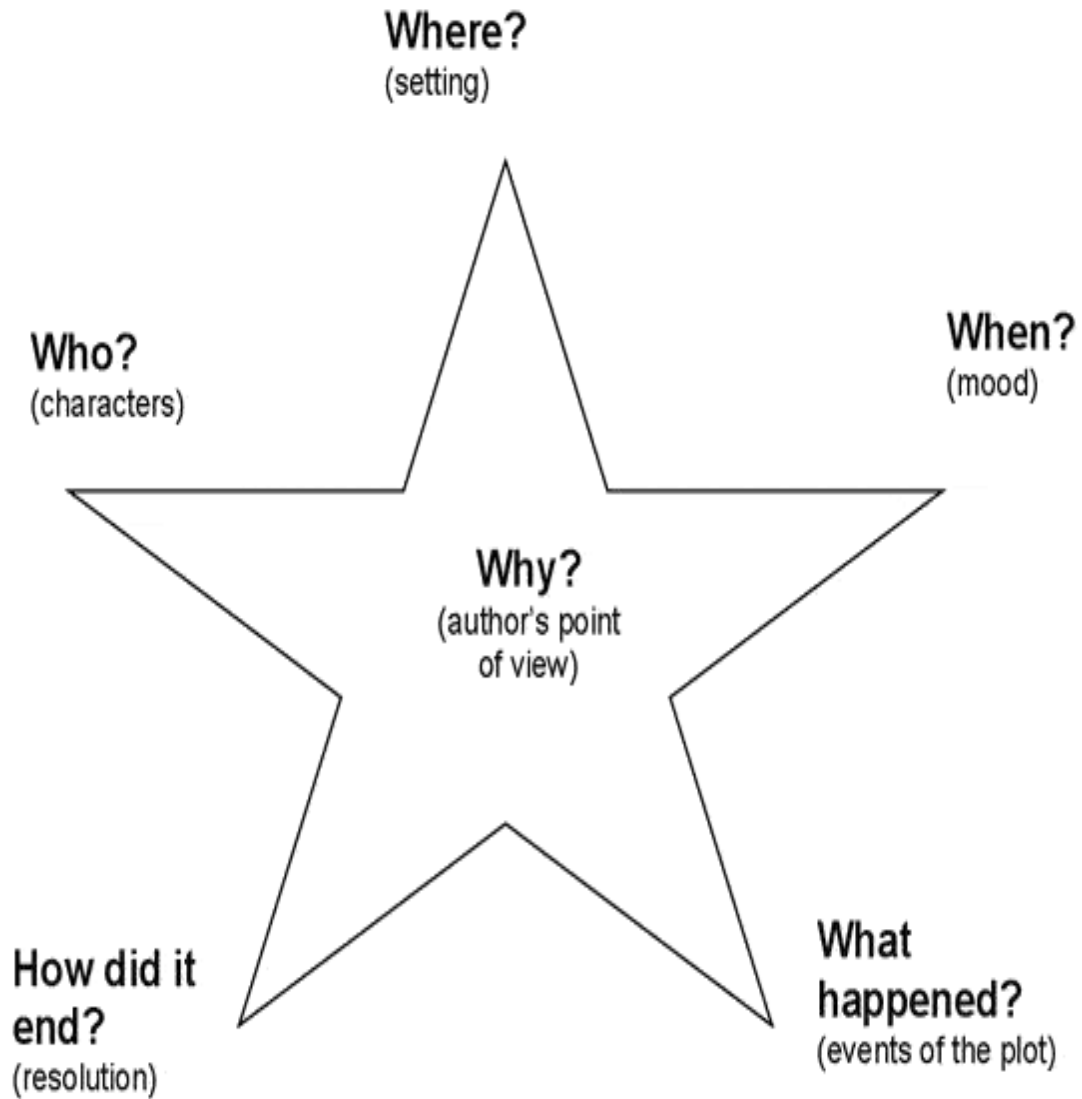


## **Sequencing**

Sequencing helps the learner understand and organize a story or the steps in a process in a nonfiction text. Students should list the steps or events in order from first to last.



For students in grades 3-5:



For students in grades 6-8:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Period \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Story Map

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Climax:**

10. \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_

*Events: Rising Action*

*Falling Action*

11. \_\_\_\_\_

12. \_\_\_\_\_

13. \_\_\_\_\_

14. \_\_\_\_\_

**Conflict:**

**Resolution:**

**Setting:**

**Author's Theme:**