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Lesson 3 – Developing Plot

Directions: Today, you will begin to work on a narrative! The narrative will be short at first, but we will be rewriting it a number of times to revise for various narrative elements as we cover them throughout the unit. Stories can be tough to brainstorm, so for our first one, we're going to start with a super, super short story inspired by the shortest story ever. After you read the story, brainstorm some ideas for a full narrative and fill out the plot graphic organizer. Then, write!

For sale: Shovel. Used once.

Brainstorm! Write down your ideas for a story based on the "story" above.

1. Who are your main characters for your story?

2. Where does your story take place? When does it take place?

3. What is the main idea of your story?

Directions: Fill out the graphic organizer below to create a plotline for your narrative. Then, start composing your rough draft!

<p>Exposition: Write down important events, characters, and settings for the start of your story. Also summarize what happens in the beginning.</p>	
<p>Rising Action 1: Explain the main conflict the character faces. Summarize what happens in the first part of the rising action.</p>	
<p>Rising Action 2: Explain how the character faces a complication to their conflict and how they might try to overcome it. Summarize the events leading up to the turning point.</p>	
<p>Climax: Explain how the main character faces their problem. Summarize the events of the turning point of the story.</p>	
<p>Falling Action/ Conclusion: Explain how problems are resolved and summarize how the story comes to a reasonable ending.</p>	