

Mini-Lesson: Five Elements of a Plot

1) Grade Level: 6th Grade English Language Arts

2) Curriculum Topic: Five Elements of a Plot

RL.6.3 Describe how a story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of events as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution

3) Tools:

1) Kahoot

2) Google Doc

4) Synopsis:

The goal of this lesson will be for students to use academic vocabulary in writing. We will begin by playing a Kahoot game over the academic vocabulary Exposition, Rising Action, Climax, Falling Action, and Resolution. Students will be required to identify the definitions of these parts of a Plot in the Kahoot game. This Kahoot game will refresh students about the definitions of these words. It will also orient them to the next task.

This minilesson will continue as I read a book to the class. This book will be familiar to the students. It would be a well-known story such as *The Three Little Pigs*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, or *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. Students will be instructed to listen closely so they can identify the different parts of a story. After I read the story, students will be instructed to get on a computer and log in to Google Docs. Students will work on this individually so I can gain insight into each student's understanding. I will then tell the students to write a paragraph identifying the different parts of the plot. Students will be required to use all academic vocabulary in their paragraphs. Students will submit their Google Docs to me for assessment. This minilesson will help me see if students

understand the elements of a plot, and if they can identify each and translate their understanding into a written paragraph.