

How to Make a Story Map

A good way to keep track of the major elements of a story is to construct a **story map**. You can do this either during or after you read.

You can use one whether you're describing a fictional story or a true story.



A Story Map comes in handy when it's time to **Write or Study**

Follow these steps to construct a story map:

1. First, write down the title and author(s) of the story.
2. After that, list the characters, making a note of the main characters.
3. Describe the setting – the place and time of the story.
4. Next, list the main events in chronological order.
5. Then, describe the major conflict that drives the story and the resolution achieved at the end.
6. Finally, sum up the major themes addressed by the story.

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Title: <u>The Story of an Hour</u>		Author: <u>Kate Chopin</u>
2	Characters Louise Mallard (Main Character) Brently Mallard, husband Josephine, sister Richards, friend of Brently	3
4		Setting Late nineteenth century at the Mallard residence
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Main Events Louise learns of her husband's death as a result of a railroad disaster. She locks herself up in her room and privately rejoices as she ponders a life of freedom. Ironically, the other characters believe she is grieving and worry she might make herself ill. Louise finds out her husband is still alive and dies of grief. Ironically, the other characters believe she died of a heart attack resulting from the joy of learning that her husband was still alive.		Conflict Louise struggles to define her identity, hopes, and dreams within her marriage. She feels both joy and guilt when she learns of her husband's death.
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		Resolution She dies of grief upon hearing the news that her husband is still alive.
		Themes Freedom Selfhood Self-fulfillment The meaning of love