

## MATES Junior Activity Resource Guide

Goal: **Academic skills**

Activity Type: Individual  
Relationship Stage: Any

### Activity Name:

"Story Map"

### Objective:

To develop reading comprehension by mapping key features of a story

### Preparation Time:

None. Mentee is required to have done some reading (for class or for mentoring)

### Activity Duration:

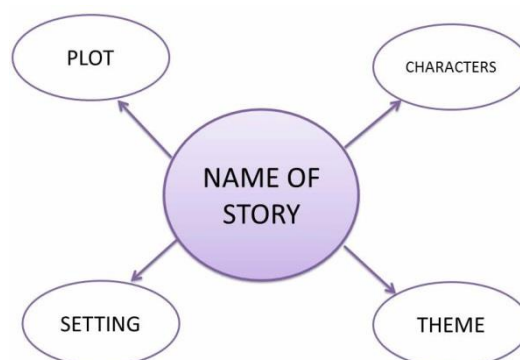
10-20 minutes for mapping and discussion

### Required Material:

- Book
- Blank paper
- Pen/marker

### Instructions:

- In the middle of the sheet of paper, draw a large circle and write the name of the story in the circle.
- Draw four other circles, each towards a corner of the paper. Write 'plot', 'characters', 'setting', 'theme' in each of the circles, so it looks like this:



- In and around each circle, ask your mentee to write about each component of the story, either in full sentences or using key words.

### Further Notes:

- If the mentee is reading an ongoing story, you may wish to do this on an A3 sheet so they can add more details each session. Or, put the name/number of each chapter in the middle circle and map each chapter, to accommodate new settings, new characters, new events, and new themes.