

Middle-End Cluster

Purpose:

To help students understand the development of plot, theme, characters, settings, and events.

Materials:

Paper and pencils

Procedures:

Students are to draw the main character in a circle at the top of the page. From there, they draw three lines labeled beginning, middle, and end. They can either write a summary or draw a picture of what happened at each of these stages of the story.

Application: This could be used in the reading of a story, or in a social studies class. For example, it could be used in covering the topic of the Civil War. This would increase student knowledge as they would understand the causes of the war (beginning), what happened during the war (middle), and how it was resolved (end). This could also be used in science; for example, the water cycle.

Resource: Tompkins, Gail. Language Arts: Patterns of Practice. 6th. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Education, Inc., 2005.