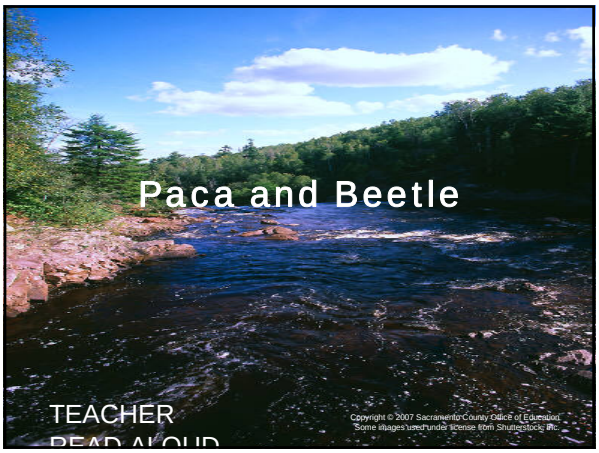

Activate Prior Knowledge

- A **fable** is a story that teaches a lesson.
- Describe any **fables** you know.
- What do you think *Paca and Beetle* has to do with the theme, “Journeys”?

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Story Structure

The main elements of **story structure** are:

- Characters
  - People or animals in the story
- Plot
  - Series of events in the story
- Setting
  - Time and place in which the story occurs

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While You Read

- Who are the characters in the story?
- What is the setting?

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While You Read

- How would you describe each character at this point in the story?
- How can you tell?

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While You Read

What do you know about Beetle and Paca after the race that you didn’t know before?

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Paca and Beetle

- **Summarize** *Paca and Beetle*.
- Which characters in the story do you admire?
- Why?
- In the beginning of the story, as Beetle crawls across the riverbank, he tells the parrot that he is on a long journey.
- Why do you think he was crawling instead of flying?

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Story Structure

How do the **characters**, **setting** and **plot** of the fable come together?

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