

Reading Fiction

THE ACTIVE READER
Unit 1, Part 1, Grade 9

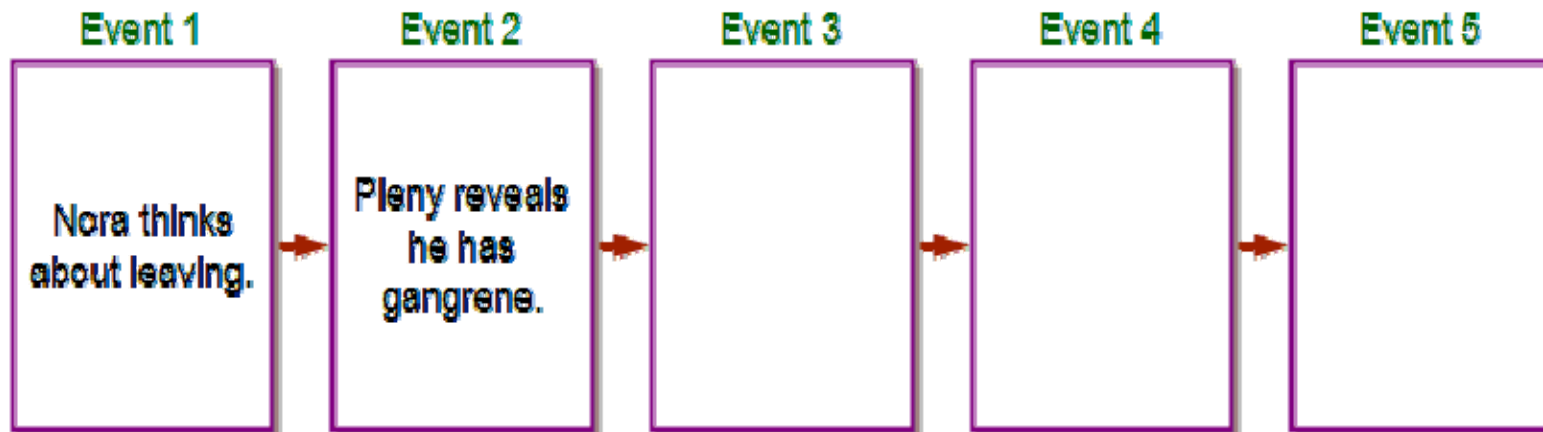
Strategies for Understanding Plot



Understanding Plot



Keep track of the events as they develop.
This chart will help you visualize the sequence of events.



Strategies for Exploring Character

- A narrator can help a reader get to know a character by the way the narrator describes and reveals the character.
- A narrator may be sympathetic or critical.



Use the details the writer provides to visualize the characters.



Character →

Words and Actions →

Thoughts →

Appearance →

What others think →

Strategies for Visualizing Setting

- Minimal reference to physical details of sight, sound, and smell will often go a long way in suggesting a setting.
- Also, time is an element in visualizing setting.



Strategies for Determining Theme

When you finish the story, describe Nora at the beginning and at the end of the story.

- What did she learn?
- How does her attitude toward life in the West change?

