

Let's Practice Plot Elements

Reading: Story Elements

Read the story. Complete the graphic organizer that follows.

Still Water Adventure

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"Daddy!" Mia shouted. "Look! There are clouds in the water!" "Yes," Daddy whispered, "the lake is so still it's like a mirror. "Can we go in the canoe?" Mia whispered. "Yes." Daddy smiled. Mia put on her life jacket. "You get the front seat," said Daddy.



The canoe wobbled when Mia stepped in. Mia sat quietly. The water was still again. Daddy handed her a paddle and showed her how to hold it. Smoothly, he sat in the back seat and pushed the canoe away from the dock.

Mia dipped her paddle in the water. She watched her father slice the water silently with his paddle.

The canoe glided away from the lilies. A dragonfly landed on Mia's paddle. It wiggled its tail and flew away.

"Let's just float near the shore," said Daddy.



Mia took a big breath when a turtle plopped off a log into the lake. Its short legs stroked through the clear water. When its head popped up beside the canoe, Mia saw red and yellow stripes on its neck. The turtle disappeared as she leaned closer to look at its toes.



"Look!" Daddy whispered. "A heron!"
 The tall bird in the shallows stretched its long, curved neck. With powerful flaps of its great, gray wings, the heron rose above them. Its long legs pointed straight behind. Too soon, it disappeared over the trees on the far side of the lake.
 "Oh, Daddy, was I too loud? Will it come back?"

"Maybe it was time for it to go home. It's time for us to go home, too. We can come again tomorrow."



Fill in the graphic organizer with the details from the story.

Title

Author

Setting

Characters

Summary

My favorite part

