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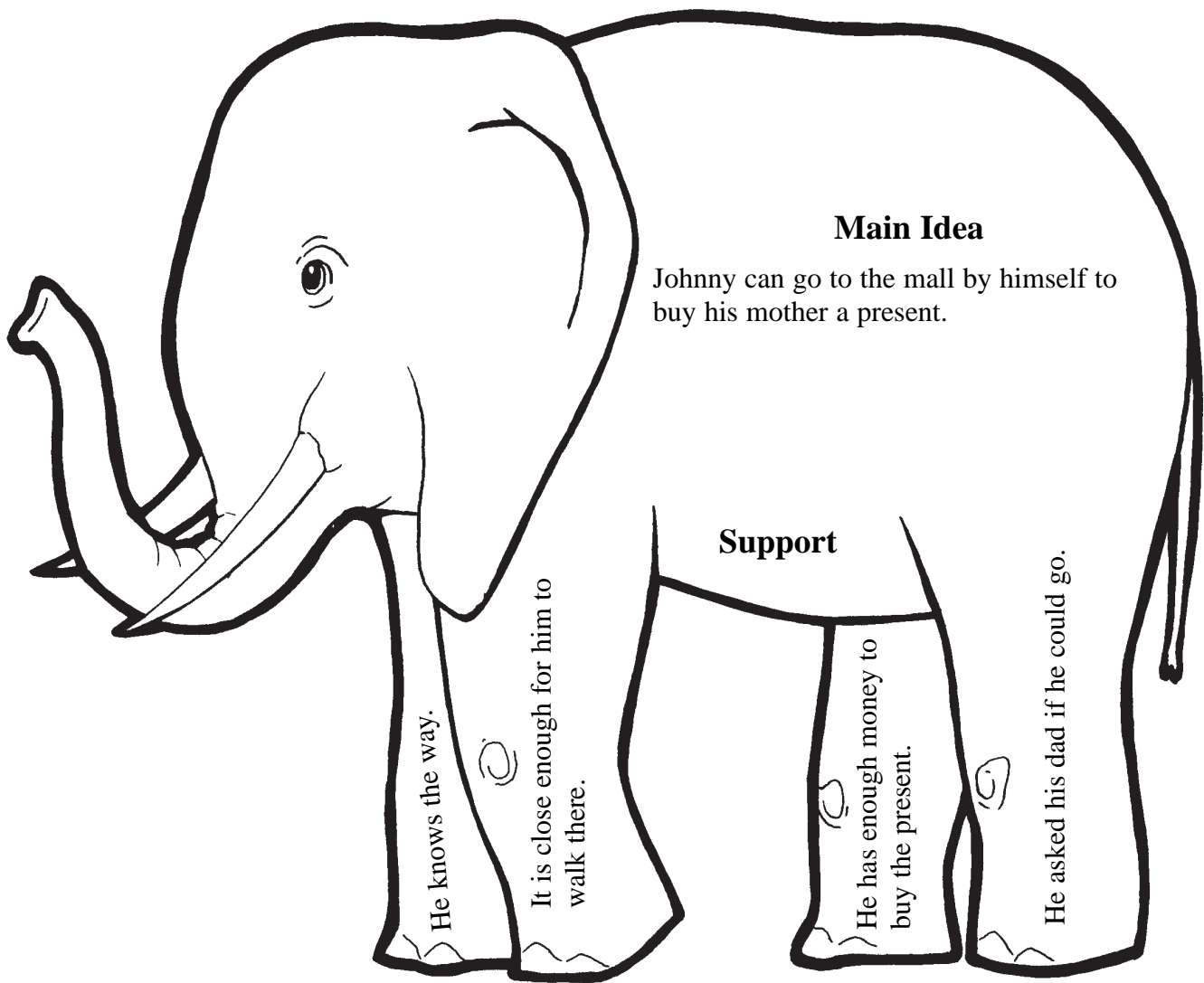
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Graphic Organizers

■ Many Different Kinds

Graphic organizers are diagrams, sketches, pictures, clusters, maps, outlines, etc., designed to help students put their thoughts into a logical form in order to clarify concepts or point out relationships between and among them. There are as many graphic organizers as there are people who organize. Some, however, have become more generally accepted than others.

Teachers who are trying to get students to write a paragraph with a main idea and four supporting ideas might draw a picture on the board, depending on their degree of artistic prowess, of an elephant or of a table. The body of the elephant (or the top of the table) is the main idea and the legs are the supporting ideas. The elephant, or the table, stands up best when all the ideas are present. For example:



You probably draw items like this on the board all the time. In so doing, you are using graphic organizers.

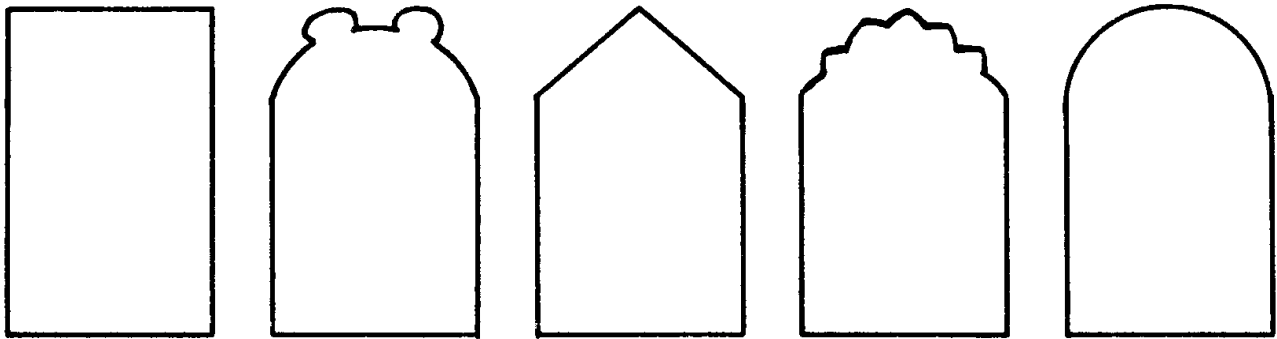
Significant Scenes

Every story has certain special scenes that are memorable and important to advance the action (the plot development). Which scenes do you feel are the most significant for your story?

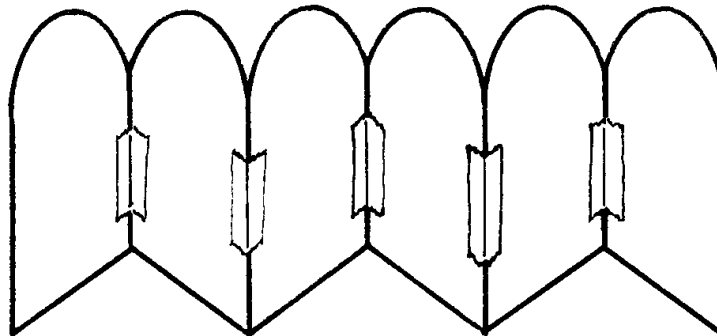
Work with a partner to select five of those scenes and create an accordion book that presents them in order.

Directions for making an accordion book:

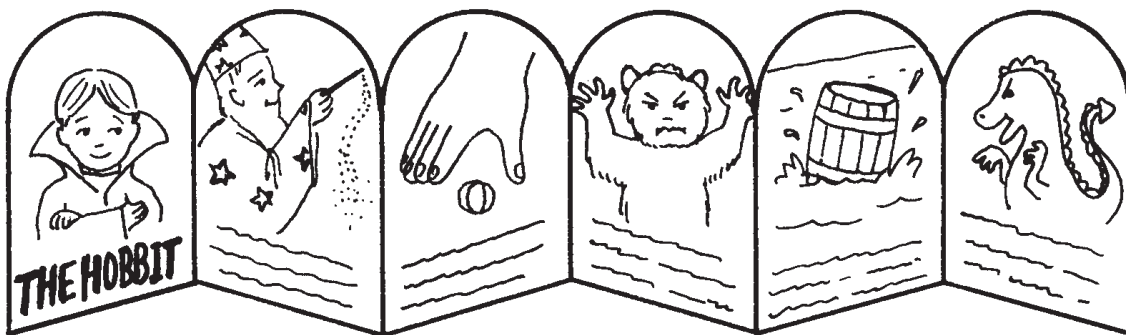
1. Cut six pieces of tagboard the same size and shape. You may choose any size or shape that can contain writing, illustrations, and be connected at the side edges.



2. Tape the six pieces of tagboard together at the sides. (Put tape on both front and back.)



3. Design a cover for your book and illustrate the significant scenes you have selected. You may draw directly on the tagboard or on separate paper to be glued into the book.



4. Write a brief synopsis of each scene on the appropriate book page.
5. Display your accordion book for the class!