

Main Idea Funnel

Directions:

1. Determine which details are the most important from the rising action, climax, & falling action in the small circles below. (REMEMBER... THEY HAVE TO SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGE THE STORY IN SOME WAY...!!) Write only ONE important detail for each circle.
2. Look at your important details and write your MAIN IDEA in the big circle at the bottom of the funnel.
3. On the line below the funnel, write the author's message-THEME from the text.

The diagram is a funnel-shaped graphic organizer. It consists of nine small circles arranged in a 3x3 grid. The top row of circles is labeled 'RISING ACTION' on the left. The middle row of circles is labeled 'CLIMAX' on the right. The bottom row of circles is labeled 'FALLING ACTION' on the left. A dashed line with an arrow points from the top row to the middle row. Another dashed line with an arrow points from the middle row to the bottom row. The bottom row of circles is connected by a line that forms a wide oval at the bottom, labeled 'MAIN IDEA:'. Below this oval is a horizontal line for writing the author's message-THEME.

THEME: