

Name: _____

Power Skill: Story sequence

Pinning Down the Plot

Cut out the box of sentence strips below, cutting along the solid lines only and making sure to leave the clothesline and posts intact. Next, cut the sentences apart along the dotted lines. Read the sentences. Arrange the strips in the correct order. Then glue the strips to the clothespins in order to make them look as if they're pinned to the clothesline. Finally, draw pictures in the boxes at the bottom of the page to show what happened in the story at the beginning, the middle, and the end.

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"I want a peanut butter and jelly sandwich," answered Jimmy.

"I'm too little to help," cried Jimmy.

Jason poured two glasses of milk, and the brothers sat at the counter eating their snack.

"What do you want to eat?" asked Jason.

The minute their parents left the house, Jimmy said he was hungry.

The boys spread the peanut butter and jelly on the bread slices and clapped them together to make sandwiches.

"Okay," replied Jason, "but you have to help."

Jason gathered the peanut butter, plates, and knives.

Jimmy took a big bite of his sandwich and exclaimed, "Jason, you're a good cook!"

"No, you're not," Jason responded. "Go get the bread and jelly."

Jason's mom asked him to watch Jimmy, his younger brother, while she went to a meeting at school.

Beginning

Middle

End

BRAINWORK:

With a partner, take turns writing sentences to create a story. Skip one line between each sentence. When the story is finished, cut the sentences apart and mix them up. Challenge another pair to put the sentences in the correct order.