## **Katie's Trunk**

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1	Did you know that there are three	4	a colony in America.
	main elements of story structure?	5	Then why were there problems? They
All	Element? What's an element?		were in America! [sound effect]
	[gesture]	6	Well, Katie and her family
2	Elements are parts.		experienced great conflict with their
All	Parts?		neighbors.
3	Yes, parts of a story!	7	Conflict? What's conflict? Another
All	Oh! [gesture]		story element?
4	One element is Characters.	All	Yes—Conflict is a problem!
All	Characters!	8	Katie and her neighbors were Tories.
5	What's a character?	9	They were still loyal to the King of
4	You know. The characters are the		England. [sound effect]
	people in the story around whom the	10	So what happened?
	story events revolve.	1	The colonists called for Independence.
5	Got it. The characters are the people in	All	No taxation without representation!
	the story.	2	Some colonists dumped tea into the
6	The next story element is Setting.		Boston Harbor.
7	Setting?	All	"Such a waste of God's good food!"
All	Setting—The time and place in which	8	Then one day, the rebels attacked
	a story occurs. When and where.		Katie's family's home!
	[gesture]	All	"Run! Run into the woods!"
7	Setting—When and where! Next	3	Oh my goodness!
	element please!	4	The family ran into the woods to hide!
8	Plot!	All	[sound effect]
9	I know what a plot is!	5	But Katie got so angry that she ran
8	Oh yeah? What is a plot?		back into the house!
9	It's like a piece of land!	6	"Don't touch my mama's things!"
All	Not THAT kind of plot!	7	Why? Why did Katie do that?
8	A plot is the sequence of story events,	8	That's crazy!
	which often includes a problem and a	9	It's definitely a problem!
	resolution.	10	So what happens next in the plot?
9	Characters, setting, plot, problem, and	1	And what is the resolution?
	resolution—Are all these story	All	Would you really like to know?
	elements in Katie's Trunk?	1-10	Yes!
All	Yes! They sure are! [gesture]	All	Then get a copy of Katie's Trunk and
10	The characters are Katie, her family,		read it to the end!
	and neighbors.		Characters, setting. plot, problem, and
1	What about the setting?		resolution—Unlock Katie's Trunk and
2	Good question. This story takes place		you will find them! [sound effect]
	in 1775		[gesture]
3	in New England		