

Strategy Seventeen: Graphic Organizers

- A. Story Mapping
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- C. The Venn Diagram

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A. Story Mapping

Grades 3-4 Objectives R2, R9, S1, S10

Shoeshine Girl by Clyde Robert Bulla. Crowell, 1975.



BOOKTALK

Ten-and-a-half-year-old Sarah Ida is angry about spending the summer at Aunt Claudia's. She has been sent away because her parents can't cope with her. Not only that, her best friend has been caught stealing for kicks.

Money in her pocket is Sarah Ida's symbol of independence. When Aunt Claudia says no allowance, Sarah Ida is determined to get even and find a job. The shoeshine stand is the only place that will hire a ten-year-old girl. To Sarah Ida's surprise Aunt Claudia doesn't object. And that is only the first of many surprises the summer holds for her.

ACTIVITY Complete the Story Mapping for Shoeshine Girl.

CHARACTERS	SETTING
EVENTS	
PROBLEM	
EVENTS	
GOAL	

C. The Venn Diagram

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The Serpent Never Sleeps by Scott O'Dell. Houghton-Mifflin, 1975.

BOOKTALK

Serena Lynn, age seventeen, is asked by England's King, James I, to serve at court. She is very pleased, but must decline: she is loyal to the man she's always loved, Anthony Foxcroft. Anthony is embroiled in disputes at court and must ship out for Jamestown, the first colony in the New World. Serena will go too.

They sail on the *Sea Venture*, which leaves Plymouth, England, in 1609 to take supplies and more settlers to Virginia. Their small boat seems no match for the wild sea, but they are spared only to be shipwrecked off Bermuda. The brave crew builds a new boat so their expedition can flounder on to Virginia.

When they arrive, Jamestown is in ruins. Those who have survived the deadly winter are in desperate need of food. The Indians, with whom the colonists have maintained a delicate peace, may be their only chance. Serena goes with a party sent to plead with Pocahontas, the Indian princess who saved them once before, and who may have the power to save them again.



ACTIVITY Use the Venn Diagram to compare Serena and Pocahontas.

