

PLOT DIAGRAM EXAMPLE

Teacher Resource

The example of the beginning of the Plot Diagram below is based on the teacher's sample bag that contains a magnifying glass, a map of the Washington DC Mall area (printed from http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/visiting/e_one_section_no_teasers/the_mall_map.htm), and an envelope addressed to Ms. Mary Smith, 123 Winding Way, Anytown, NY.

Events:

1. Arrive in DC: Mr. and Mrs. Smith arrive in Washington, DC, to tour the sites.
2. Begin tour: Mrs. Smith takes out her map to plan their visit to various sites around the Capitol Mall.
3. Magnifying glass: Mrs. Smith can't see very well, so she takes out a magnifying glass to read the fine print on the map.
4. Compliment: Mr. Smith is glad that his wife has a map to guide them. He compliments her for being prepared.
5. Map: Mrs. Smith promises that she will always carry the map in her hand so they won't get lost.
6. White House: The Smiths arrive at the White House for a tour.
7. First Lady: The First Lady shakes hands with the tourists.
8. Rude tourist: An obnoxious tourist pushes his way to the front of the group of visitors to shake hands with the First Lady.
9. Lost ring: After a while, the First Lady notices that her ring is missing.
10. Search for clues: The rude tourist is suspected of stealing the ring. Mary Smith takes out her magnifying glass to try to find the ring.
11. Shiny object: Mary sees something shiny.

