

Story Checklist

- Apply chronological order by using a chronological summary ____
- Create background knowledge and connection by journaling ____
- Apply the use of context clues, multiple meanings, affixes, and synonyms by examining "Words to Own" from the story ____
- Analyze the theme, characters, setting, and mood of "There Will Come Soft Rains" by connecting it to The Strange and Mysterious ____
- Compare/Contrast "There Will Come Soft Rains" with "Experiment 023681" by using a double bubble map and answering questions ____
- Analyze a character by using a tree map ____
- Analyze the story's theme by viewing art and making a commercial that represents products from the story ____

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Chronological Summary

The best readers look at signal words that show time. These words help put a story in order and show the **chronological order!**

Examples: first, next, and then, after, before, etc....

In order to **summarize**, we can look at signal words and find the beginning, middle, and end of a story. Three major parts make a good **summary**.)

Watch me do it!

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Medal

A Personal Tweak

The five years I saved my money in order to build my sturdy brick house. Then, last month, a strange thing happened. A wolf came and blew down my huddler Sam's straw house. After that disaster, Sam went to live in our brother Omar's house of sticks. Just as he got settled in, the wolf blew that house down, too. Both my brothers soon recovered from the shock and moved in to live with me in my brick house. Yesterday, while we were having supper, the wolf tried to blow down my house, too! When that attempt failed, the wolf climbed down the chimney. He headed in the pot of hot soup in the fireplace and immediately leaped back up the chimney. We haven't heard from him ever since.

Reformation: Text for a Newspaper Article

HILLSDALE—Jerry B. Wolf, age 25, was arrested yesterday and charged with vandalism and criminal mischief.

On February 4, he blew down the straw house of Samuel Pig. On February 10, he blew down the house of sticks belonging to Pig's brother Omar Pig. Last week on March 1, he attempted to blow down the brick house of Samuel and Omar's brother, Jesse.

Wolf fled after the attempt failed. He evaded the police for several days, but after a tip from an anonymous caller, police located and arrested Wolf.

Currently, Wolf is being held in jail. His trial will begin later in the week.

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Future Shock
(Spiral Notebook)

The iPhone 5 just came out! Imagine what smartphone technology was like 5 years ago—how much has it changed?

What other technologies have drastically changed? Imagine how different technology will be in 20 years!

It is the year 2035. What kinds of new technology will there be? If there is any, how will it change the way we live? What will be in the home of the future?



What are the pros and cons of technology? What benefits has it brought, and what drawbacks?

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Activity 1

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Word Recognition

Read each sentence and identify the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence. Write the word in the space provided. Write the sentence number in the space provided.

1. The falling columns were among those meant to enlighten.

2. The labor was being left behind in the machine.

3. The robot was designed with seven joints.

4. The machine was designed to be self-sufficient.

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Activity 2

Read each sentence and find the correct "Word to Own" to replace the word(s) that are underlined.

1) Because of the man's unreasonable suspicion, he felt safe only at home.

2) The majestic mountains of Yosemite are long remembered by visitors.

3) Her hands were absorbing while she waited for the curtain to rise.

4) When Tom is watching a game TV, he is not aware of anything else.


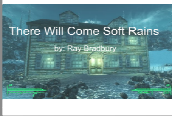
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Let's Read!

As we read the story, keep track of what's happening from hour to hour. What are the major events that move the story forward?

Remember signal words that indicate change of time!

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Now that we have finished the story, let's do our own chronological summaries.

Fill out the worksheet on "There Will Come Soft Rains".

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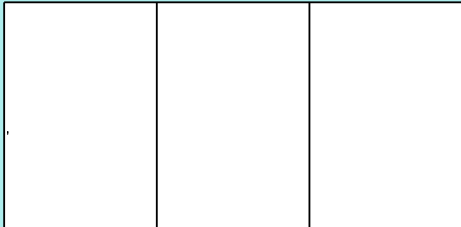
After Reading
(Spiral Notebook)

1. How does this story relate to The Strange and Mysterious?
2. What is strange about the characters and setting?
3. How do the author's word choice add to the "strangeness" of the story?
4. What mysteries remain at the story's end?

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Comic Strip

- Read Experiment 0236821
- Use what you know to summarize a narrative chronologically
- Make your comic strip with three panels. You must have captions and dialogue!
- Look at these samples: a summary and a journal entry (next slide)



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There Will Come Soft Rains

Model

Summary of "Experiment 023681"

Martak conducts an experiment. However, the subjects of his experiment start quarreling and fighting with one another. Martak's supervisor agrees that they should not continue the project, and Experiment 023681 is terminated.

A little boy named Johnny plays outside. He sees a star that grows larger and brighter. The star is actually an explosive device that destroys his planet. We discover that the boy's planet is Martak's failed Experiment 023681, which has been terminated. Experiment 023681 is Earth.

Journal Reflections:

1 March 2289
I've begun an experiment involving life forms. I think I'll focus Experiment 023681 on establishing warm-blooded life forms on a planet with an oxygen-based environment.

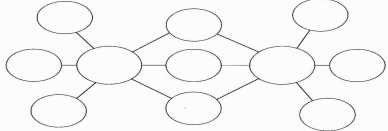
10 December 2289
The life forms are developing well under controlled conditions. I think I'll remove some of the controls and see how these life forms react as to evolve in normal conditions.

4 April 2291
What a mess! These life forms are so aggressive! They've divided themselves into opposing factions. They're continually fighting with and even killing one another. My supervisor isn't going to let me continue Experiment 023681 for much longer.

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Compare/Contrast

Use the back of your comic strip to fill out the bubble map on "There Will Come Soft Rains" and "Experiment 023681". Use specific examples from each story.



1. Why do you think Martak and his supervisor feel they have the right to destroy the Earth?
2. What is the common theme of both stories?
3. Do you think Ray Bradbury would like "Experiment 023681"? Why or why not?

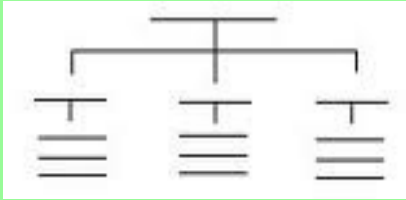
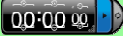
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Character Analysis

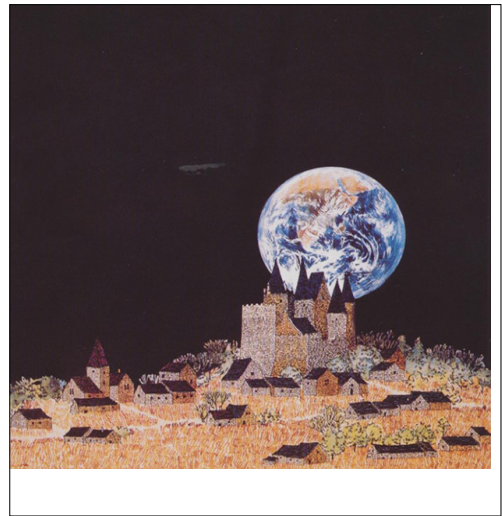
"There Will Come Soft Rains" is different, because there are no characters. Let's look at the house and the fire that destroys it. These will be our characters and you must imagine them as being people.

Pick a "character" and fill out the tree map with the following:

- words to describe
- actions/reactions
- type of person

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NAME _____ CLASS _____ DATE _____

Collection Name _____ Title of the Story and Characters _____

A CHARACTER OF THE PAST OR PRESENT WHO YOU WANT TO RECREATE

Directions:

1. Think about the collection theme, Title of the Story and Characters. What does the picture want you to think of a message and symbolism in it?
2. Explain in what ways the house in the picture differs from the house in "There Will Come Soft Rains."
3. Write a short description of what you imagine village life to be like in the time in the picture. Compare the village to a place and time you know.
4. Why might you be the same as the writer of the story have included people in their world?

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TV Commercial

You are a producer that was hired by an ad agency to create a commercial for one of the devices inside the house in "There Will Come Soft Rains".

You must consider whether the product is really helpful or not. As an advertising genius, you must make your product look good.

Write a script and be prepared to perform for the class!



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