

Lantern Hunt Trail

Track how three story parts build a complete adventure.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.5.5 "Explain how a series of chapters, scenes, or stanzas fits together to provide the overall structure of a particular story, drama, or poem."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Number the three paragraphs 1, 2, and 3. Underline one sentence in each paragraph that shows how that part moves the search story forward.

The Missing Lantern

- ① On the morning of the harbor festival, Maya found Grandfather's brass lantern missing from its hook. The lantern was meant to guide the family boat home after sunset. A muddy trail crossed the dock and ended beside a small rowboat. Maya tucked a map into her pocket, asked her brother Leo to come, and pushed the rowboat away from shore.
- ② At a rocky inlet, Maya and Leo saw a gull carrying a shiny piece of glass, but not the lantern. Their map showed a tide pool farther east. They rowed there as clouds covered the sun. Near the pool, Leo spotted lantern marks pressed into wet sand. The marks pointed toward a cave, yet rising water blocked its entrance.
- ③ Maya remembered that the tide would fall before dark. The children waited on a high ledge, then entered the cave when the water sank. Inside, they found the lantern beside a nest of silver shells. They carried it back to the boat just as the first festival lights appeared. That night, the lantern's warm beam led their family safely through the harbor.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What job does the first paragraph do in the story's structure?

2 How does the second paragraph build on the first paragraph and add a new problem?

3 How does the third paragraph resolve the problem from the second paragraph and connect to the beginning?

4 Explain how the three paragraphs fit together to create the overall structure of the story.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write a three-part plan for a new adventure story. Label each part Beginning, Middle, and End, and write one or two sentences for each part. Then add one sentence explaining how the parts build toward the ending.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Number the three paragraphs 1, 2, and 3. Underline one sentence in each paragraph that shows how that part moves the search story forward. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What job does the first paragraph do in the story's structure?	It introduces the missing lantern, explains why it matters, and begins Maya and Leo's search.
2	How does the second paragraph build on the first paragraph and add a new problem?	Maya and Leo follow clues from the first paragraph, but rising water blocks the cave where the lantern may be.
3	How does the third paragraph resolve the problem from the second paragraph and connect to the beginning?	The tide falls so the children can enter the cave and find the lantern, which then guides the family boat as it was meant to do.
4	Explain how the three paragraphs fit together to create the overall structure of the story.	The first paragraph sets up a problem and goal, the second develops the search with an obstacle, and the third solves the obstacle and completes the goal.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Beginning: Nia learns that the town clock has stopped before the parade. Middle: She follows a loose gear trail to the old workshop, but the door is locked. End: A caretaker opens the workshop, and Nia helps fit the gear back into place. The beginning gives Nia a goal, the middle adds a problem, and the ending solves the problem in time for the parade.

Accept answers that identify the structural role of each paragraph and accurately explain how events lead from the missing lantern to its recovery. For Part 3, accept any clear three-part adventure with a beginning goal, a middle challenge, and an ending that resolves the challenge.