

# Visualizing

## Activity: Story Wheel

Purpose: To help students visualize story elements and practice summarizing.

1. Teacher prepares story wheels prior to lesson. A story wheel is a circle divided into 6- 8 pie segments (pie pieces) with a smaller circle in the center of the larger circle. See example below.
2. Students read a story.
3. After completing the story the students list the important events in the story. Remind students that the events should be chosen from the beginning, middle and end of the story.
4. Next have the students divide the list of important events into a list of 6 - 8 (depending on pie pieces) most important events.
5. Students can write the events on the pie segments. Some teachers like to have their students number the events. Some teachers choose to skip this step and move right to step 6.
6. Next the students should illustrate their events on the corresponding pie segments.
7. Have students write the story title and the Author's name in the center circle.
8. Post story wheels in the reading center or on a classroom kiosk.



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