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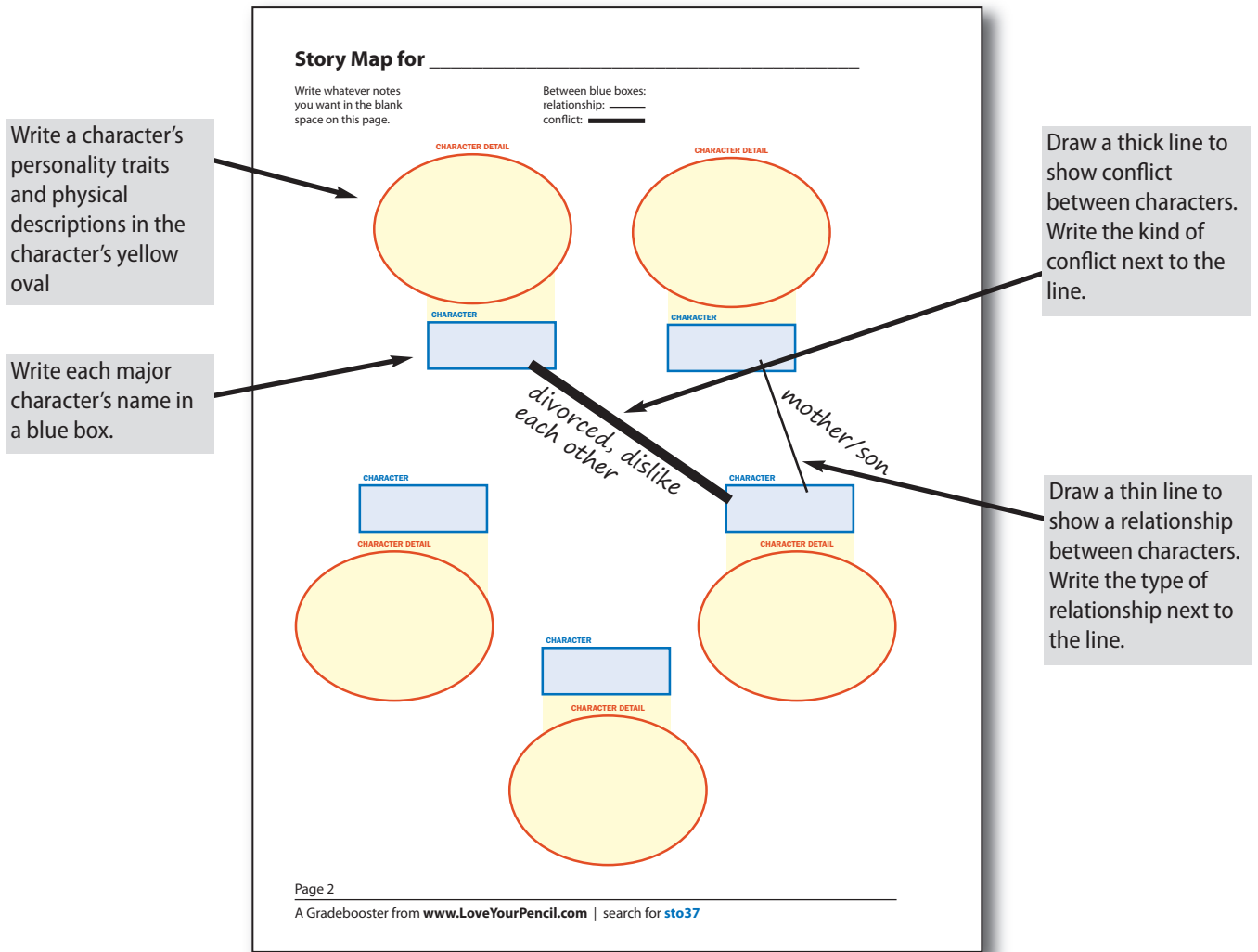


What's the POINT?

A Story Map makes it easier to understand books and movies. How? By giving you a quick, easy way to write down **where** and **when** the story takes place, **who** the characters are, **what** happens to them, **why** they do what they do, and **how** they overcome their struggles.

Here's HOW

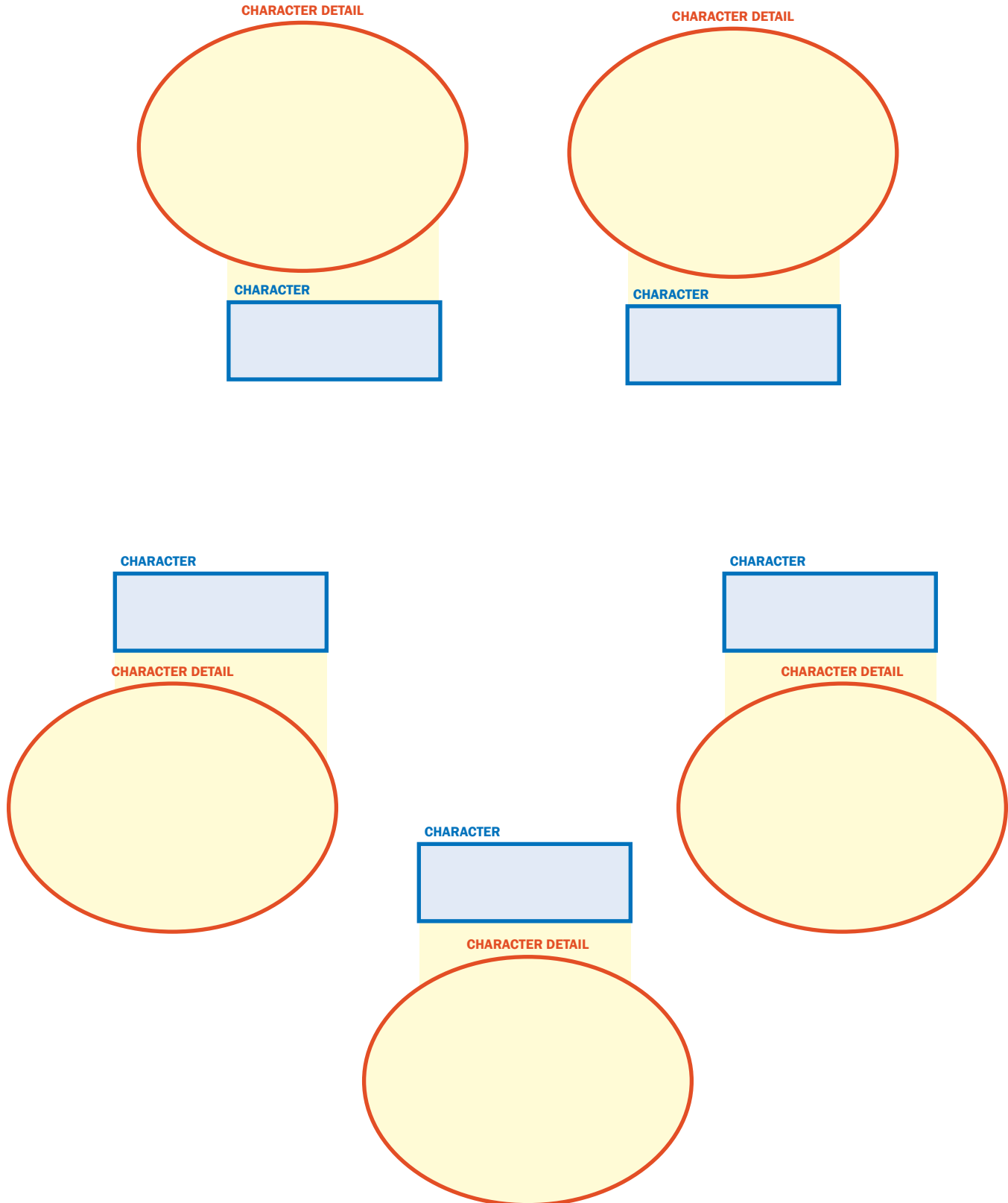
Here's a sample Story Map. Read this, and then do the real one that's inside!



Story Map for _____

Write whatever notes you want in the blank space on this page.

Between blue boxes:
relationship: _____
conflict: _____



Settings (where / when the story happened):

1. _____ (year(s) the story took place)
2. _____
3. _____

Plot events (the significant things that happened):

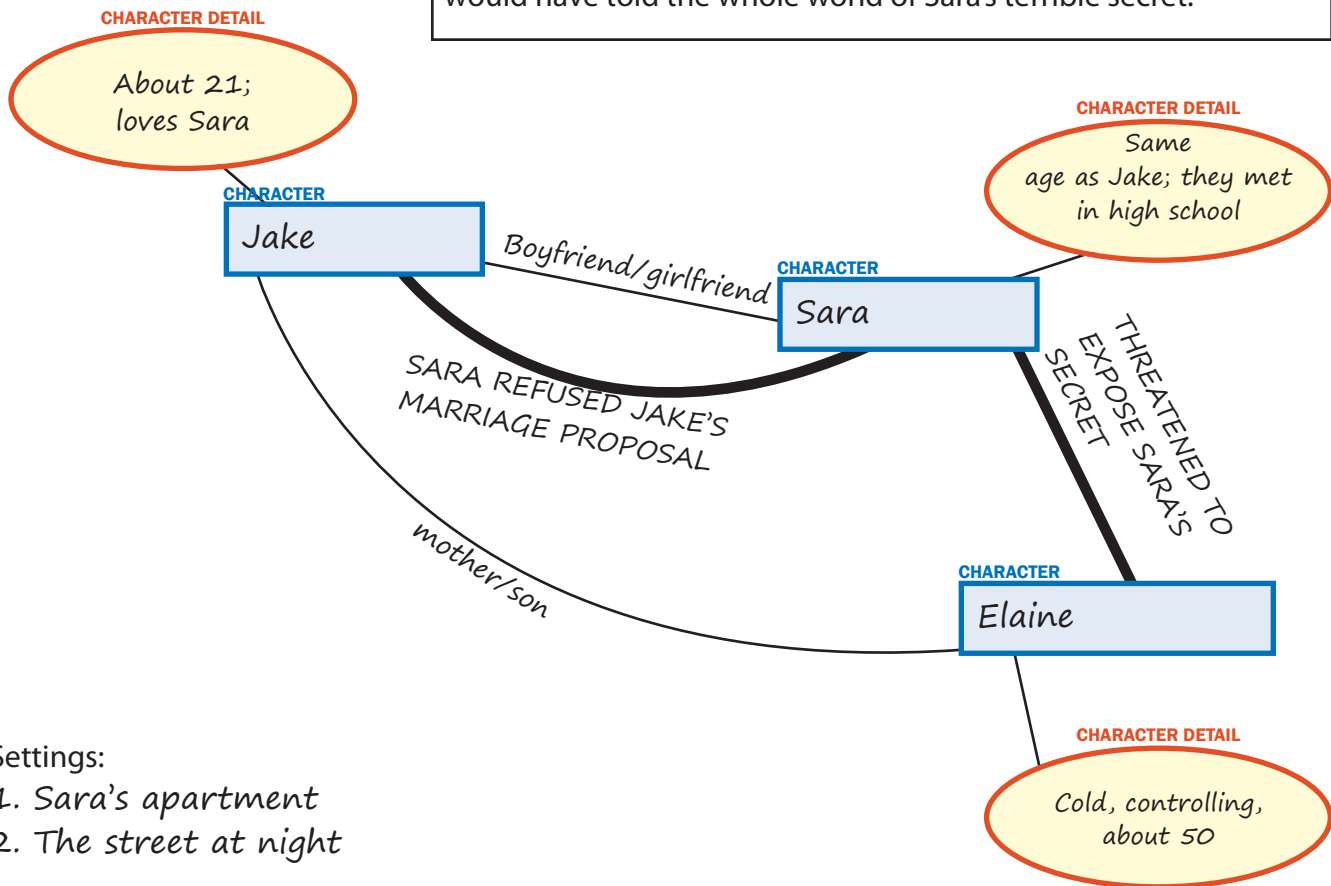
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(staple more pages to this booklet if you need more room to write)

Here's a more advanced example of how to fill in the Story Map. Read this very short story and then look at how you might fill in the Story Map:

Note: The Story Map below is at the point where the story ends. If Jake would later find out why Sara refused his proposal, there would be a new conflict line between him and Elaine.

Jake could feel the color drain out of his face as he looked away from Sara's eyes, his feelings shattered. He remained on his knee, unable to move for the moment, and replaced the engagement ring in his pocket. Sara stood up and walked out of the room without saying a word, but there were no words to say after the three she had just uttered. "I can't, Jake," she had said, ending what had begun three years ago when they were both seniors in high school. At the muffled sound of her sobbing in the kitchen, Jake walked out into the cold night. Sara heard the door shut, and her veins turned to ice because of what she had just been forced to do. If she had said "yes", Elaine, Jake's cold, controlling mother, would have told the whole world of Sara's terrible secret.



Settings:

1. Sara's apartment
2. The street at night

Plot events:

1. Jake proposes
2. Sarah says no
3. Sara leaves the room and cries
4. Jake leaves the apartment and walks down the street