

Figure 1
Story Retelling Analysis

Morrow's 10-Point Scale

Student's name: _____ Date: _____

Title of story: _____

General directions: Place a 1 next to each element if the child includes it in his or her presentation. Credit gist as well as obvious recall.

Characters and setting

- A. Begins story with an introduction _____
- B. Names main character(s) _____
- C. Number of other characters named _____
- D. Actual number of other characters _____
- E. Score for other characters (C/D) _____
- F. Includes statement about time and/or place _____

Theme

Refers to main character's primary goal or problem to be resolved _____

Plot episodes

- A. Number of episodes recalled _____
- B. Number of episodes in story _____
- C. Score for plot episodes (A/B) _____

Resolution

- A. Names the problem solution/goal attainment _____
- B. Ends story _____

Sequence

Retells story in structural order: setting, theme, plot episodes, resolutions
 (Score 2 for correct order, 1 for partial, 0 for none) _____

Highest score possible (10) Child's score _____

Comments: _____

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