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Video: Grunge's Big Adventure

Narrative Story Structure

(a story)



Scene	Full Transcript
1	Turner: Hey, Natalie!
2	Natalie: Hey, Turner! You look excited.
3	Turner: I just got Ms. Heeley's edits back. You know, for the short story I wrote last week for my writer's workshop.
4	Natalie: Oh, what did you write about? Turner: <i>Grunge's Big Adventure</i> . It's a children's story.
5	Natalie: I bet she liked it. What did she say? Turner: Turner, your final story structure has improved so much. I'm impressed by how you described the key characters. Give it one more read-through and see my note on the last page.
6	Natalie: Nice! Why don't you read it to me and I'll tell you what I think!
7	Turner: All right. Here it goes.
8	Narrator: Hold that thought! Will Turner's success in the writer's workshop lead him to become an author? Will Grunge the Goat peak Natalie's interest in writing a story of her own? Join the Knowledge Seekers as they set off on an adventurous journey through story structure in this episode of THINKING ALOUD!
9	Introduction
10	Turner: <i>Grunge's Big Adventure</i> Grunge loved adventure. At home in the city dump, Grunge leaped from smelly pile to pile. He scaled the highest stack of tires. He even raced with bulldozers! One day, while munching on a shoestring, Grunge discovered a soggy travel brochure.
11	Grunge: Scale the heights of Jagged Top Mountain! Experience the majesty of a massive peak! Trek to one spectacular view after another! Wow! That's the adventure for me!



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12	<p>Turner: That night, Grunge dreamed of climbing Jagged Top Mountain. In his dreams he was at the peak, his goatee blowing in the mountain breeze.</p> <p>The next morning Grunge stuffed his backpack with old newspapers, carrot tops, and candy wrappers for meals. Grunge set off for the base of Jagged Top Mountain. Once there, Grunge gazed at the monstrous mountain towering above him. He noticed four trails, snaking their way up the mountain.</p>
13	<p>Grunge: Hm... Trail A looks like a winner,</p> <p>Turner: ...he said, starting off. As he climbed, the air grew colder. Strong winds and heavy snow whipped around Grunge. In the snowy distance, Grunge saw something furry and brown lumbering toward him. Was it a bear?</p>
14	<p>Turner: Quickly, Grunge flopped over and played dead. Suddenly, he felt something panting hot root beer breath on his face. He opened one eye.</p>
15	<p>Grunge: You're not a bear.</p> <p>Walter: I'm Walter, the Saint Bernard. Where are you going?</p> <p>Grunge: I'm hiking to the peak.</p> <p>Walter: Well, you're on the wrong trail. Trail A leads to the ski slope.</p> <p>Grunge: The ski slope?</p>
16	<p>Walter: Sorry, friend. Say, would you like some help going back to the base? We've got a blizzard kicking up.</p> <p>Turner: Grunge nodded. Then, after a slurp of root beer from Walter's barrel they slipped and slid down Trail A.</p>
17	<p>Turner: At the base, Grunge thanked Walter and said goodbye. He ate his supper of four newspapers, and settled in for the night.</p>
18	<p>Turner: The next morning, Grunge woke up still determined to make it to the peak.</p> <p>Grunge: Trail B will not fail me!</p>



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19	<p>Turner: Grunge hiked for many hours on the zig-zagging Trail B before coming to a raging river.</p> <p>Grunge: I did get a gold star in goat paddling, but maybe there's another way to cross.</p> <p>Turner: Grunge followed the river downstream until he reached a washed out bridge.</p> <p>Grunge: Looks like I'll be jumping in.</p> <p>Turner: But just as he was about to stick his hooves in the frigid water, a young screech owl caught his attention.</p>
20	<p>Grunge: Hello. You must be the wise old owl.</p> <p>Ollie: Nah. Didn't you hear? He flew off with the spring chicken. I'm Ollie, his nephew.</p> <p>Grunge: I'm Grunge, and I'm hiking to the peak.</p> <p>Ollie: Not on Trail B. Even if you could swim across, an avalanche wiped out the rest of the trail.</p> <p>Turner: Grunge plopped down in the grass.</p> <p>Grunge: Not again! What about Trail C?</p> <p>Ollie: It's worth a try. I'm headed that way myself.</p>
21	<p>Turner: As Grunge hiked down to the base, he told Ollie all about his old life back at the city dump.</p> <p>Grunge: It was smelly, dirty, and wonderful,</p> <p>Turner: ...said Grunge, munching his supper of carrot tops and the bag they came in.</p> <p>Grunge: But nothing as wonderful as a mountain peak.</p> <p>Turner: Ollie and Grunge bid farewell and Grunge went to sleep. When morning came, Grunge did ten goat push ups and stretched all four legs. He shook out his stubby tail.</p>
22	<p>Grunge: Trail C, here I come!</p> <p>Turner: Throughout the long day, Grunge continued on. He picked his way up the trail. The trail led to the entrance of a dark cave.</p>



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23	<p>Grunge: Hello,</p> <p>Turner: ...whispered Grunge, worrying about bears.</p> <p>Grunge: Is anybody home?</p>
24	<p>Turner: Suddenly, a giant blur of whirring black wings flew from the cave and surrounded Grunge. Grunge trembled as hundreds of beady bat eyes stared at him. One of the bats spoke up.</p> <p>Eddie: We didn't mean to scare you. Well, actually we did. We love scaring tourists. By the way, I'm Eddie.</p> <p>Grunge: I'm Grunge and I am not a tourist. I'm a hiker trying to reach the peak.</p> <p>Eddie: That is a problem. Trail C ends at this cave.</p> <p>Grunge: What? I still must find a way to the top. I must not give up!</p> <p>Eddie: You'll have to try another trail.</p>
25	<p>Turner: Grunge's new bat buddies kept Grunge company on the way back to the base. Once there, they squeaked,</p> <p>Eddie & Bats: You can do it, Grunge!</p> <p>Turner: Then they flew off into the night sky.</p> <p>Grunge: They're right. Tomorrow could be the day.</p> <p>Turner: He chomped his dinner of candy wrappers, and stretched out to sleep.</p>
26	<p>Turner: In the early morning, Grunge awoke to the clapping of heavy hooves all around him. A herd of mighty mountain goats, along with their newest mountain goat kids, gathered at Trail D.</p>
27	<p>Large Mountain Goat: Ready for your first hike to the peak?</p>





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28	<p>Turner: ...asked the largest mountain goat.</p> <p>Kids: Baah!</p> <p>Turner: ...cheered the kids.</p>
29	<p>Turner: Excitedly, Grunge took the last place in the mountain goat line. He helped the kids scramble up the trail, wade streams, and shimmy over boulders. The trail grew steeper, and the air turned clear and cold.</p> <p>Finally, the herd scaled their way to the very peak of Jagged Top Mountain.</p> <p>Grunge took a deep breath.</p> <p>Grunge: We did it!</p> <p>Turner: ...he exclaimed. He gazed at the spectacular view. It was just like the photos in the travel brochure, only better.</p>
30	<p>Turner: But down in the valley below, Grunge spotted something familiar. It was his beloved, stinky dump. The dump he affectionately called home.</p> <p>Grunge's goatee blew in the mountain breeze as he thought for a while.</p> <p>Grunge: The peak and the dump—they're both a grand adventure.</p> <p>Turner: Grunge hugged and high-hoofed the herd goodbye and made the long, happy hike down the mountain. When Grunge returned home, he told everyone about the mountain peak, and everything in between.</p>
31	<p>Turner: One day, after lunching on envelopes and cantaloupes, Grunge spied another travel brochure and began to read.</p> <p>Grunge: <i>Fly like a bird! Have the hang gliding experience of a lifetime! Yeah!</i></p> <p>Turner: And it was then that Grunge began dreaming.</p>



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32	<p>Natalie: That's so good! So, what's the note from Ms. Heeley say?</p> <p>Turner: Turner, I suggest you contact several publishers to see if they are interested publishing your short story! Can you believe it? Me, published?</p> <p>Natalie: I've never known a real author before!</p> <p>Turner: Well you do now.</p>
33	<p>Narrator: While Grunge made it to the peak of Jagged Top Mountain, Turner's journey into the world of publishing and story structure is just beginning. Be sure to watch <i>Grunge: The Making of an Adventure</i> to follow Turner's progress and to see how story structure helps all authors down the right path.</p>