## **Story Pyramid**

Use a story pyramid to describe important information from a story, such as the main character, the setting, and the major events in the plot. Carefully choose your words in order to provide a precise description. You may wish to use a dictionary and a thesaurus.

Here are the directions for writing a story pyramid:

Capitalize the first word in each line.

**Line 1** — *one word, stating the name of main character* 

**Line 2** — two words, describing the main character

**Line 3** — three words, describing the setting

**Line 4** — *four words, stating the problem* 

**Line 5** — five words, describing one event

**Line 6** — six words, describing a second event

**Line 7** — seven words, describing third event

**Line 8** — *eight words, stating the solution to the problem* 

Here is an example of a story pyramid:

Cinderella
Poor, beautiful
Town with castle
Forbidden to attend ball
Fairy godmother helps her go
Cinderella loses her slipper at midnight
Unique glass slipper fits only Cinderella's foot
Cinderella marries Prince and lives happily ever after

Create your own story pyramid using the example above as a guide. On a separate piece of paper, make a large pyramid shape. In the shape, write a story pyramid for a book you have read. If you wish, fill the area around the outside of the pyramid with an illustration representing the subject of the story pyramid.