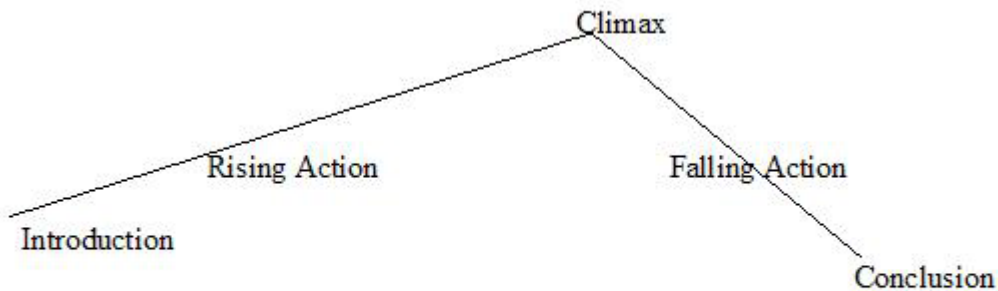




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## Linking a Junior Novel Plot Chart to *KidPix Deluxe 3* Software

Often teachers have students create a plot chart by drawing the lines on a blank page, labeling its parts and then filling in the appropriate information. For example:



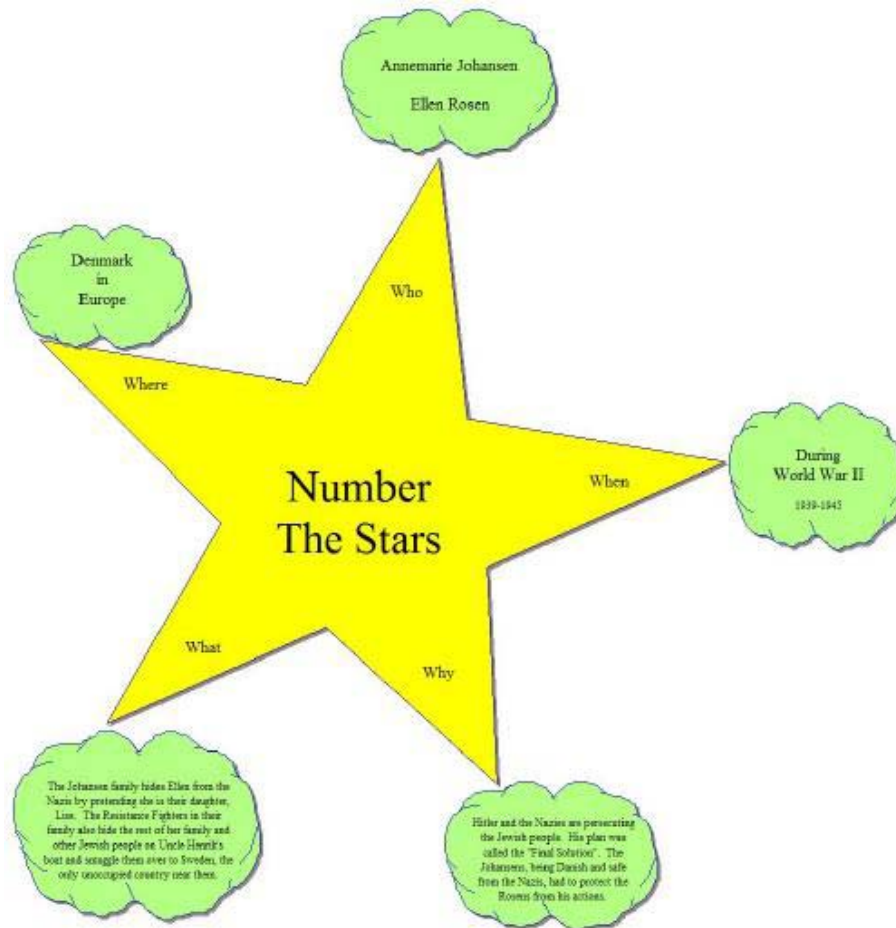
A creative way to incorporate technology into a novel study is to have students summarize the novel by creating a slide show presentation using KidPix Deluxe 3. Each frame could contain a different part of the book from beginning to end. Frames could contain a picture, sentence of explanation, and the part of the plot chart it occurs in. The program can read the information aloud as the slide show progresses. Of course, sound transitions as the scene changes is a fun additive!





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## Summarizing a Novel Using *Smart Ideas* or *Inspiration*



Rather than doing a standard written book report, technology could also be incorporated creatively using *Smart Ideas* or *Inspiration* software. An example of an activity is illustrated above in which students simultaneously demonstrated the skill of summarizing the major details without supplying too many supportive details.

After the class read the novel *Number The Stars* by Lois Lowry, they were directed to *Inspiration* graphic organizing software. Students chose the star tool, re-sized it and centered it in the middle of the document. The points of each star were titled "who", "what", "where", "when", and "why". Outside of each point, students chose another graphic (example: clouds) and wrote all the pertinent information inside the graphic outside of the correct point. We printed the completed graphics and created a nice bulletin board display!