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## Plot and Theme

- The **plot** is the series of events in a story. These events can be divided into 3 parts—the beginning, the middle, and the end.
- The **theme** of a story is the big idea. It is what the author would like you to learn.

**Directions** Reread *The Lost Dog* and then fill in the graphic organizer.

**Title** **Possible responses given.**

**1. Beginning** What is the problem in the story?

**Sam's dog, Buddy, ran off to chase a rabbit and was missing.**



**2. Middle** What did Sam do to try to solve the problem?

**Sam posted a missing sign. He threw out pieces of his clothes so Buddy would catch the scent.**



**3. End** How did Sam solve his problem?

**Sam waited and was hopeful. The pieces of his clothing led Buddy back to him.**

**4.** What do you think is the big idea of *The Lost Dog*?

**Do not give up hope.**

**5.** How do you know?

**Sam did not give up hope, and Buddy came home.**