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Plot and Theme

- The **plot** is an organized pattern of events.
- The **theme** is the “big idea” of a story.

Directions Fill in the table below, which will guide you through a summary of the plot and end with your naming the theme of *A Fantastic Field Trip*. **Possible responses given.**

1. **Title** A Fantastic Field Trip

2. This story is about the Bug Kids (Emma, Jacob, Kayla, Luke, Carlos, Lily), Mr. Edwards, Mrs. Appleby, and Elvis.

(name the characters)

3. This story takes place at the school and at the Entomological Zoo.

(where and when)

4. The action begins when the Bug Kids take off in the school van for the zoo. They arrive at their hotel, where they spend one night.

5. Then at the Entomological Zoo, they visit the butterflies, and some are huge.

6. Next, they visit wasps and cicadas, which are also huge.

7. After that, they visit fleas that can jump 150 feet.

8. The story ends when they return home.

9. Theme: One should have respect for insects.