I Can Summarize a Story and Infer the Theme or Message

This Graphic Organizer is an assessment if completed independently, or a guide if the teacher models. CCSSR2. Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

**Identify:** Name or draw three of the characters.

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**Sequence:** Draw pictures and add captions or write words to tell the plot.

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**Summarize:** Tell about the people and what happens.

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Infer: What is the message or theme—what does the writer want you to understand by reading the story?

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**GO FARTHER--SYNTHESIZE:**
Add to the story—more dialogue that tells what the characters think during the plot.