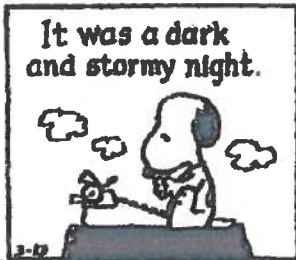
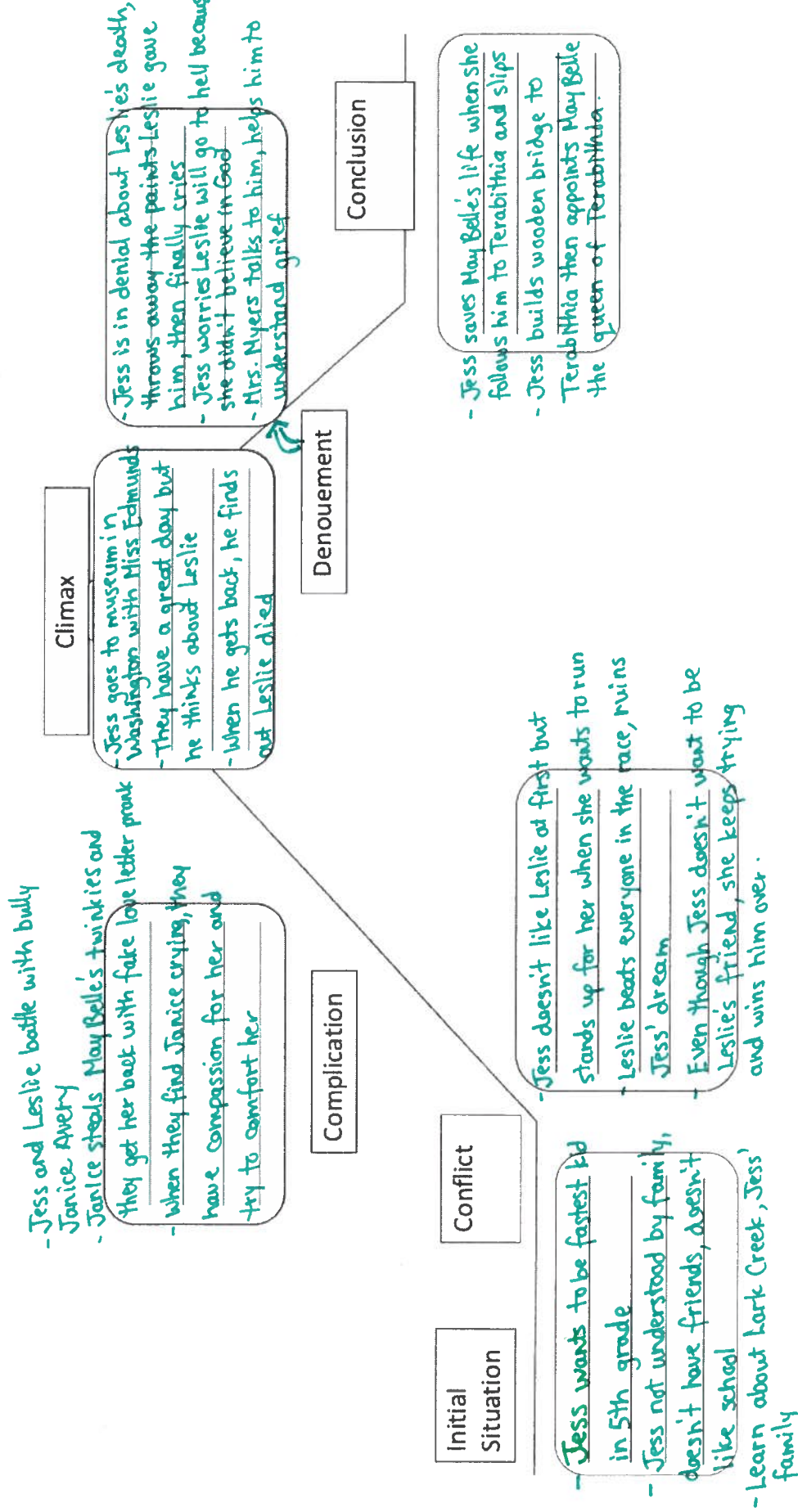


# Bridge to Terabithia Jigsaw Chart

## A. Setting



Place	Description
Town	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- called Lark Creek, most action takes place there</li> <li>- 1970s</li> <li>- Virginia, USA</li> </ul>
Attitude of people in the town	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- slow to accept change, don't like difference</li> <li>- don't like hippies, girls who wear pants.</li> <li>- people live on farms, work hard, struggle</li> <li>- few resources</li> <li>- people make do with what they have.</li> </ul>
Terabithia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jess and Leslie make do with what they have:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- rope swing, creek, forest, grove</li> </ul> </li> <li>- they have imagination that feels like magic</li> <li>- creek = boundary between worlds</li> <li>- grove = sacred place</li> <li>- puppy = prince</li> <li>- 5th graders = king and queen.</li> </ul>



B. Plot

### C. Characters

Character	Description
Jesse Aarons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- wants to be fastest runner in 5th grade, not naturally the fastest but he practices all summer</li><li>- also secretly wants to be good artist but his dad disapproves</li><li>- Leslie and Miss Edmunds encourage him to draw</li><li>- friendship with Leslie changes him, he becomes more courageous, imaginative and thoughtful</li><li>- Jess devastated when Leslie dies</li></ul>
Leslie Burke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- defined by imagination and sense of adventure</li><li>- open and ready for anything, even moving to Lark Creek to support her parents</li><li>- doesn't care what people think (dresses how she wants, calls her parents by their first names)</li><li>- she makes up Terabithia, sees magic in every day items, events</li><li>- Jess thinks Leslie is courageous</li><li>- Leslie hits head on rock and drowns trying to cross the creek into Terabithia</li></ul>
May Belle Aarons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Jess' only sibling he has affection for</li><li>- she follows Jess around, always wants to be around him but Jess usually ignores her</li><li>- After Leslie dies, she tries to be there for him, follows him to Terabithia and she slips but Jess saves her</li><li>- Jess makes the bridge to Terabithia and makes her queen</li></ul>
Janice Avery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- seventh grade bully, picks on smaller kids and everyone on the bus</li><li>- steals May Belle's Twinkies</li><li>- Jess and Leslie write a fake love letter from a boy Janice likes to humiliate her</li><li>- Leslie finds her crying in the bathroom, has compassion for her</li><li>- Leslie's dad beats her, why she is probably a bully</li></ul>

## D. Themes

Theme	Description
Friendship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- most important relationship in the book</li><li>- friends are family you choose yourself</li><li>- Jess, Leslie and May Belle looking for good friends</li><li>- best friendships, like Jess and Leslie's make people strengthen both people</li><li>- they teach each other, encourage each other, believe in each other</li></ul>
Courage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Many examples of courage :<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- standing up for a girl's right to run with boys</li><li>- crossing a rushing creek</li><li>- standing up to a bully</li><li>- admitting you are afraid</li><li>- facing your fears</li></ul></li></ul>
Transformation (Change)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- friendship changes Jess and Leslie for the better</li><li>- Jess more imaginative, Leslie more compassionate</li><li>- both learn to be better people</li><li>- they made the ordinary world change for them when they imagined Terabithia.</li></ul>