

The strategy "Somebody- Wanted- But-So-Then" (SWBST) is used during or after reading. It provides a framework to use when summarizing the action of the story or historical event by identifying key elements. The SWBST strategy is also used to help understand plot elements such as conflicts and resolutions.

- Somebody:** Who is the main character of the narrative?
- Wanted:** What does the main character want or want to do?
- But:** What is the problem? Why can't the main character get what she wants?
- So:** How does the main character solve the problem?
- Then:** What was the resolution?

Once you have identified these key elements, creating a summary of the story will be a snap!  
 Let's try it with the classic story, *The Three Little Pigs*

<b>Somebody</b> Who is the main character?	<b>Wanted</b> What does the MC want or want to do?	<b>But</b> What is the problem or conflict?	<b>So</b> How does the MC solve the problem?	<b>Then</b> What is the resolution?
The Big Bad Wolf	Pigs for dinner	They kept hiding in new homes made of straw, sticks, and brick.	The wolf blew down the houses, except for the one made of brick.	The pigs were safe and the wolf went hungry.

**Partner Task:**

- Step #1: Watch the *Alma* video (<http://vimeo.com/4749536>)
- Step #2: Complete the SWBS chart below
- Step #3: Write a GREAT summary of the story. Be sure to utilize the SWBS chart, add details from the video and utilize transition words to help your sentences flow.

<b>Somebody</b> Who is the main character?	<b>Wanted</b> What does the MC want?	<b>But (Because)</b> What is the problem or conflict?	<b>So</b> How does the MC solve the conflict	<b>Then</b> What was the resolution? How did the story end?
<i>Alma</i>				

**Summary:**

In the story titled, "Alma", \_\_\_\_\_

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