



Eric Haskins may be this year's Grunt for now, but he's determined not to stay at the bottom of the social ladder forever. Hilarious and compelling, The Bully Book is a must-read!

Dartmouth Middle School

Summer Reading Program

Grade 6



Welcome to DMS! We can't wait to meet you and get to know you. When you arrive at **DMS** in the fall, you'll discover that we are a **school of readers**.

To get you ready for DMS, the required summer reading is The Bully Book, by Eric Kahn Gale. As you read, **annotate** your book. It's yours to keep, so underline important parts, circle unknown or interesting words, and write your thoughts in the margins.

When you meet your new teachers in September, you will discuss the novel using your plot diagram. See the plot diagram inside.

Everything in a story happens for a reason. The series of events is the story's **plot**. The plot usually follows a pattern:

1. **Exposition** introduces the characters and **setting**. It may also hint at what the **conflict**, or problem, will be.
2. **Rising action** shows how the conflict develops.
3. The most exciting part, or turning point of the story, is the **climax**. The outcome of the conflict is decided at this time.
4. Tension eases during the **falling action**, and events unfold as a result of the climax.
5. The **resolution** is the final point in the plot, in which the reader learns how everything turns out.

Complete the following plot diagram below with details from The Bully Book.



