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Reading: Plot Structure Diagram: *Tillie and the Wall*

**Part I: Directions: USE PENCIL.** After you read (or watch) the picture book *Tillie and the Wall* by Leo Lionni, fill in the points on this plot structure diagram with the main information and events from the story. Simply write brief notes (short words or phrases, not full sentences) that provide a plot summary of the story. Write each event in the appropriate place on the diagram. For example, write the main facts from the exposition near the bullet labeled “exposition.” And so on... You may draw arrows from the bullet to nearby whitespace if you need more room to write.

## The Short Story

This **PLOT DIAGRAM** shows how the main events in a short story are organized into a plot.



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**Part II: Directions: USE PENCIL.** After you've summarized the plot of the story, respond to the following questions, using your plot structure diagram to help you do so. Please write in **complete sentences**. **Answers should fill the blanks.**

**1. Which CHARACTER TRAIT best describes Tillie? Why? Use 1+ supporting details from the text in your answer.**

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**2. What is the CONFLICT, or problem, in this story? Name both sides of the conflict; in other words, state the two "forces" that oppose each other. Finally, explain the source of the tension, or drama, between these two forces.**

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**3. This story relies on a SYMBOL, which is an object that represents an idea. What is the symbol, and what does it represent, or symbolize? Explain your answer.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**4. A. In a word or two, what is the THEME (main idea) of this story? Check the CLIMAX. Usually, the characters' realization at the climax is based on the theme. B. What is the author, Leo Lionni, trying to say about this theme? In other words, what's his THEME MESSAGE?** \_\_\_\_\_

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