

Scott O'Dell Study

A standards-based study of 4th grade reading, writing and social studies through three works of literature by Scott O'Dell.

Island of the Blue Dolphins, California Indian Period

Zia, Mission Period

Carlota, Rancho Period

Tami Ahern, Rice Elementary

Therese Brady, Ontiveros Elementary

For each of the three books, students will:

- ✓ write a daily summary of the chapter(s) read
- ✓ write a 5 paragraph summary of the whole book when finished
- ✓ write a 3 paragraph response to literature

After completing all three books, students will:

- ✓ conduct internet research about the life of Scott O'Dell to write an information report

Extension activities can include:

- ✓ internet research about topics related to the books by Scott O' Dell, i.e. dolphins, mission life, Chumash Indians, local ranchos, etc.
- ✓ write a narrative after reading each book based on an event or character

Love
Loyalty
Faith
Survival
Friendship
Fear
Loneliness
Trust
Discovery
Jealousy
Sacrifice
Courage
War
Acceptance
Good versus Evil
Justice
Perseverance
Fairness
Generosity
Revenge
Finding Happiness
Man versus Nature
Wisdom
Guilt
Indecision
Humility

Date: _____ Chapter #: _____ Pages: _____

Chapter Title: _____

Main Characters: _____

Setting: _____

Themes: _____

Vocabulary: _____

Plot Summary: _____

Island of the Blue Dolphins, by Scott O'Dell

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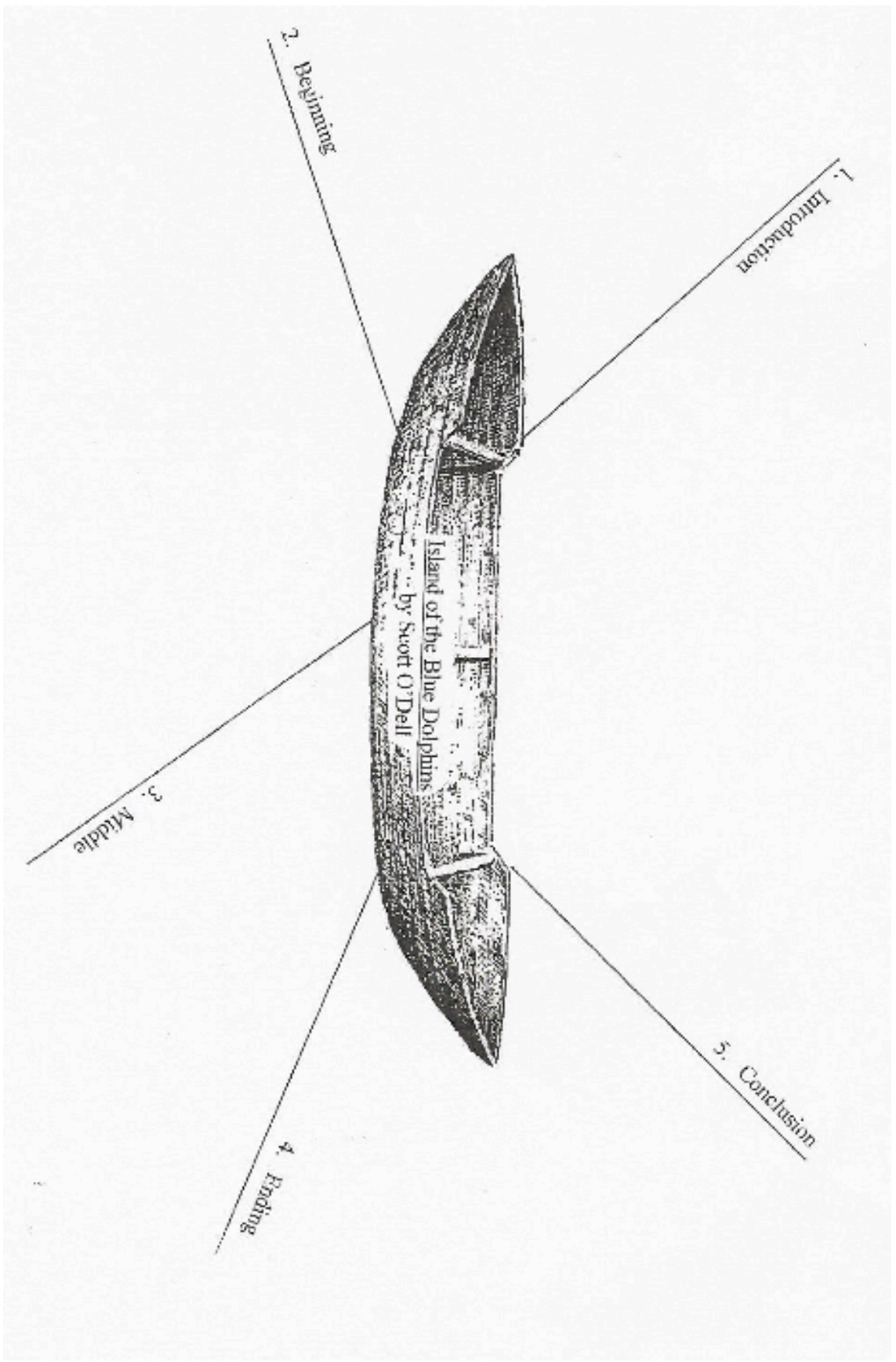
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Paragraph # 1:

- ✓ *Mention the title and author of the piece.*
- ✓ *Include details about the character and setting.*
- ✓ *State the theme.*

Paragraph # 2:

- ✓ *Tell the plot of what happens (beginning, middle, ending.)*
- ✓ *Explain how the theme fits in with the story.*

Paragraph #3:

- ✓ *Make a judgment of the piece.*
- ✓ *Support the judgment with details from the text or personal knowledge.*
- ✓ *Make connections (text to text, text to self, or text to world)*

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Zig by Scott O'Dell

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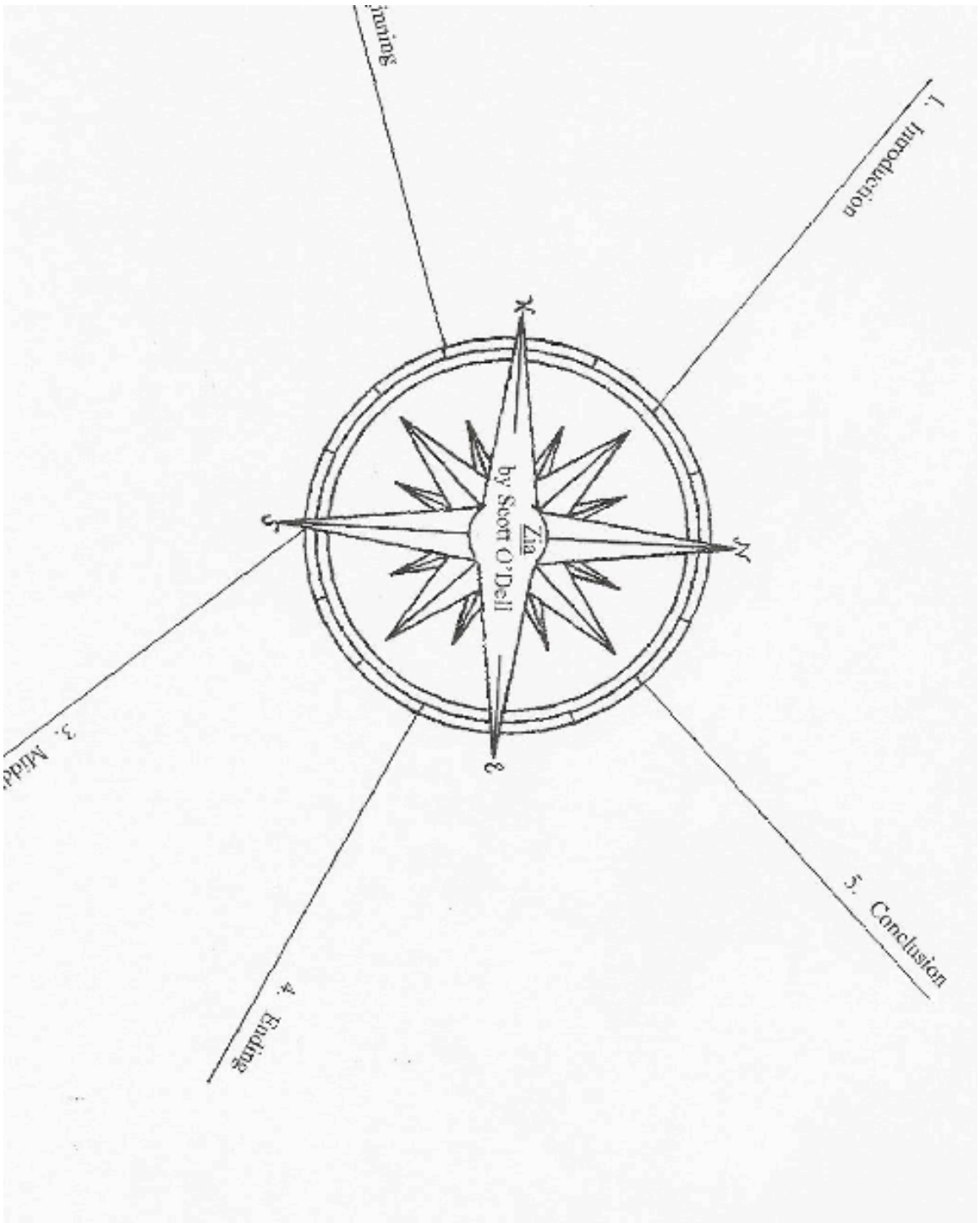
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Carlota by Scott O'Dell

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Themes: _____

Vocabulary: _____

Plot Summary:

1. Introduction

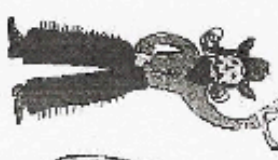
2. Beginning

Carlota
by Scott O'Dell

5. Conclusion

4. Ending

3. Middle



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Scott O'Dell Information Report

Scott O'Dell was born on _____
in _____. He died on _____
in _____.

When Scott O'Dell was a child

He received his education

Before he became a writer, Scott O'Dell

Scott O'Dell became a writer later in life. The style of writing he does is called
_____. Five books he wrote are

Some awards he received for writing children's literature are

My favorite book by Scott O'Dell is _____ because

Bibliography/Resources

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

