

Problem-Solution Chart



Sara, the main character in *The Summer of the Swans*, is going through a lot of doubts about herself as the story opens. She is concerned about her appearance - she is not as pretty as her older sister, Wanda, nor does she fit the Hollywood stereotype of "beauty"; her handicapped brother, Charlie, is sometimes more of a responsibility than she can bear; her aunt can be a pain; her father seems remote and uncaring; and Joe Melby is someone she just can't stand. In the chart below, list as many problems from the novel as you can, and beside each describe how the problem was (or might be) solved.

Note: Some of the problems in the novel are not solved. If this is the case, please suggest a possible solution.

POSSIBLE PROBLEM

POSSIBLE SOLUTION

Sequence Chart



List the main events of *The Summer of the Swans* in the order in which they occurred.

First:

Next:

Next:

Next:

Next:

Next:

Next:

Next:

Next:

Five W's Chart



Select an incident from *The Summer of the Swans*.
Fill in each row with details that answer the question.

W
What happened?

W
Who was there?

W
Why did it happen?

W
When did it happen?

W
Where did it happen?