

Lesson 14**The Torch Runner**

The Torch Runner, by Dina Anastasio, tells the story of a young man who wants to follow his own path, rather than his father's dreams. Danny likes to run for fun. However, his father thinks he should become an Olympic runner. Danny's father asks him to meet a trainer. The trainer tells Danny he could be a great runner. Still, Danny doesn't want to become a runner. The trainer tells Danny a secret. Danny's father was once an Olympic Torch runner. His father dreamed of competing in the Olympics. The secret helps Danny to understand why his father wants him to race. However, Danny doesn't want to race. Instead, he signs himself and his father up to carry the torch in the Olympics. Soon, the two of them run side by side carrying the Olympic torch. This book shows how a young man works through a conflict and finds a solution.

Follow the instructions to identify parts of a book synopsis.

1. What is the title of the book? Circle it.
2. What is the main idea of the book?
Underline it.
3. What sentence tells the conclusion of the synopsis? Put a star next to it.

Book Synopsis

- A **synopsis** is a short summary of a story.
- A synopsis of a book of fiction tells about the characters and main events in the story.
- A synopsis of a nonfiction book tells about the topics covered in the book.

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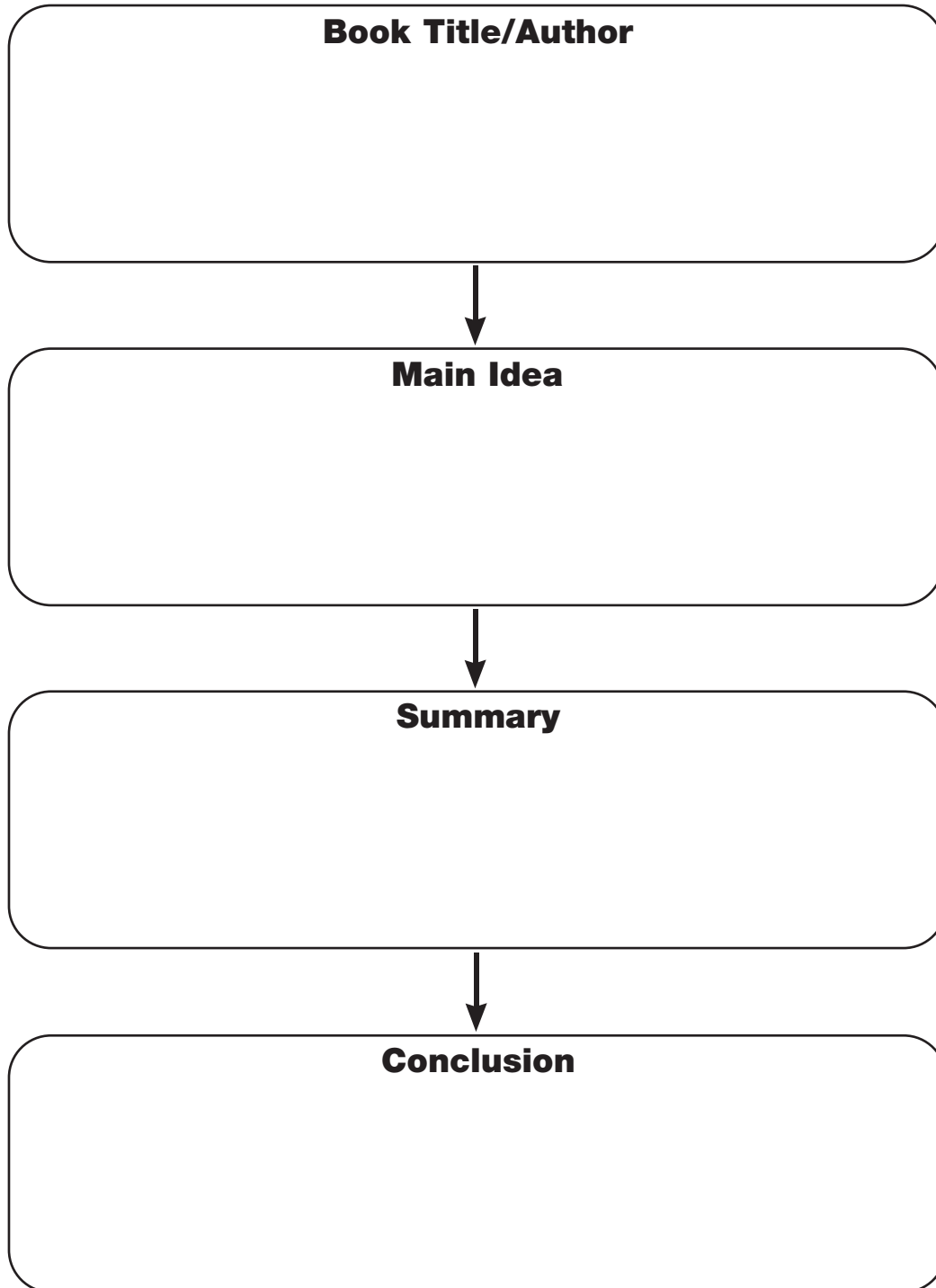
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Plan: Book Synopsis

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