

Winston of Churchill

One Bear's Battle Against Global Warming

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Main Character: Winston
Great white bear who smokes a cigar
Fierce brave bear
All bears listen to him because he is respected.
“When Winston spoke, every bear listened...”



Setting: Late fall, early winter, Hudson Bay, Churchill, Manitoba, Canada



Kick-Off: The kick-off for Winston is pictured on the inside cover page where he is sitting and thinking on a very small portion of ice. He is showing the victory sign. He terms the setting (focus on this page) a “problem” and calls a meeting of all bears (even teenager bears!).

“The ice is melting. We are losing our home. The time has come for action. This is no time for ease and comfort. It is the time to dare and endure.” ...We will defend our island...”

WINSTON USES SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION (EXPOSITORY TEXT) AS AN EXAMPLE:

The ice is melting for reasons:

List of Causes leads to an Effect which leads to the Problem and possible Solutions.

Winston uses his newly written book on the topic “Why It’s Getting Hotter” to explain the Initiating Event/ Problem/Kick-Off. (This problem is actually a series of actions leading up to the small ice chunks in Churchill.)

PROBLEM:
(Cause/Effect)

Gasoline from cars causes carbon dioxide gas.
Rotting garbage in landfills causes methane gas.
Digging for oil, natural gas and mining coal
cause nitrous oxide gas.

TOO MUCH OF
THESE GASES
CAUSES WARMING!

SOLUTION: In Winston’s opinion, the solution is that PEOPLE need to burn less gas, make less garbage and plant more trees.

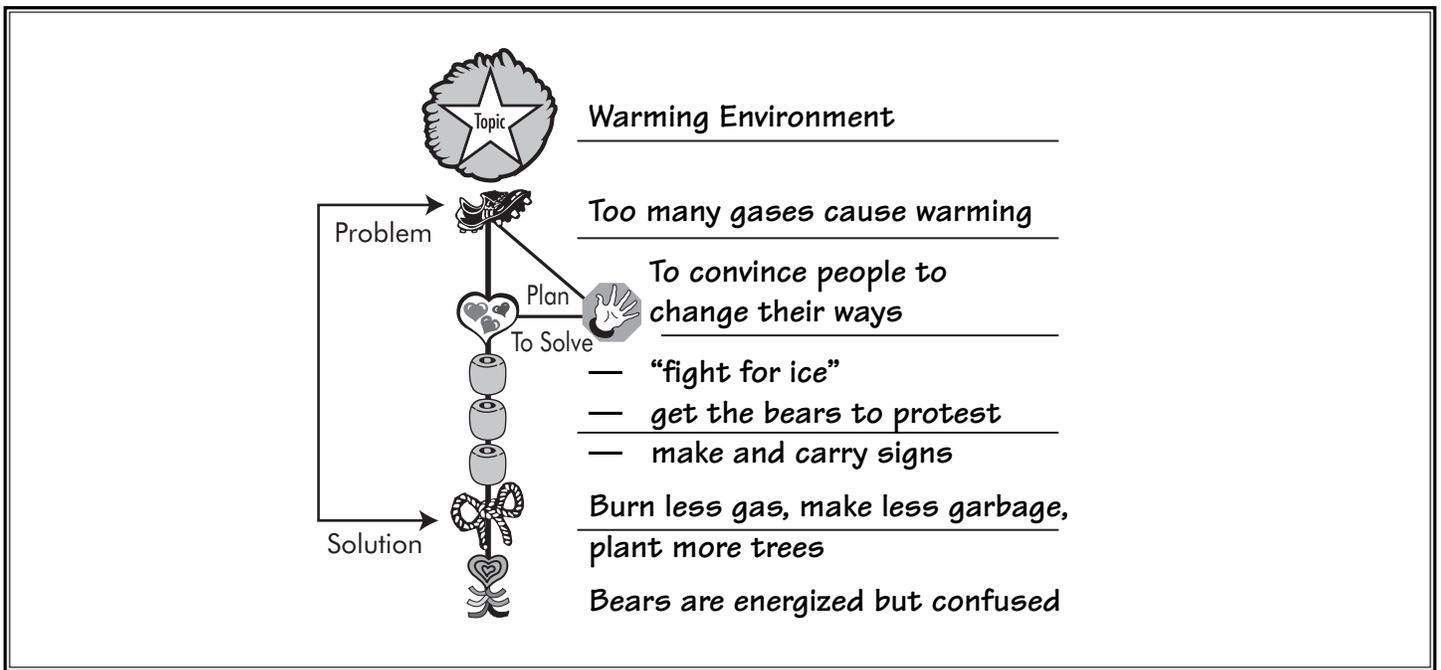
Mental States: Winston has thought long and hard about this problem (we infer this since he has a well thought out plan!).



PLAN: To convince people to change their ways. He wants a “fight for ice” and wants all the bears to protest, make and carry signs in front of tourists in “tundra buggies.”



FEELING: All the bears feel energized by Winston’s words but confused as to ‘What to do!!!!’



EMBEDDED EPISODE

NEW KICK-OFF: Winston’s wife refuses to go!!!!

Feeling: Winston is embarrassed: “This is very embarrassing.” Why did you say “no”!

She is **ANGRY** (glares) about his smoking the cigar. She says every little bit would help! “That thing in your mouth is an instrument of pollution!”

Mental State: Winston *thinks* about his cigar being an instrument of pollution. (Notice him looking at the cigar seriously. He knows that his wife won’t go unless he stops smoking.) We can predict that he will stop smoking the cigar because he realizes that it is polluting the atmosphere.

Plan: At this point, we don’t know his plan but if he wants his wife to go, we can infer that he will give up smoking the cigar. We find that he substitutes a twig.



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(inferred) Winston will give up his cigar to get his wife to go. He substitutes a twig.

NEW EPISODE

NEW SETTING: A new day is dawning: “The next morning it was cold and clear, and in the town of Churchill the tourists began to wake up.”

Characters: Tourists in Tundra Buggies (from many places)

Setting: a cold, clear morning in Churchill, Canada.
Script for tourism: eat breakfast, board busses, see Polar Bears.

Kick-Off: There are no Polar Bears in sight!

Feelings: disappointed, grumbled and complained

Consequence: As a result, they demanded their money back.

ALL OF A SUDDEN:

Kick-Off: They see an amazing sight (depicted through binoculars).

Every bear in Churchill, lead by Winston, was marching across the tundra carrying signs and a banner: "Save Our Home" (Make less garbage, Cool it!). The bears are shouting "Save our home! It's up to you..." Winston, is present, is showing the "V for victory" sign.

Feeling: excited

Plan: (inferred by actions) They spread the word to all their friends about the Polar Bears' problem.

Attempt: They took pictures of the bears and their signs.

Attempt: They showed the pictures to their friends.

Attempt: They showed the pictures to their families.

Attempt: They showed everyone the one picture of Winston.
Holding the banner saying: "We must all do our part, o matter how small."

Direct Consequence: Winston and the other bears carried out their plan to spread the word about their problems in Churchill, Manitoba, Canada.

Resolution: Winston and all the bears are content and hopeful that the humans will help them.



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EXPOSITORY TEXT AT THE END OF THE BOOK DISCUSSES WINSTON CHURCHILL AND HIS SPEECHES IN ENGLAND DURING WWII.