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TWO TALES IN ONE

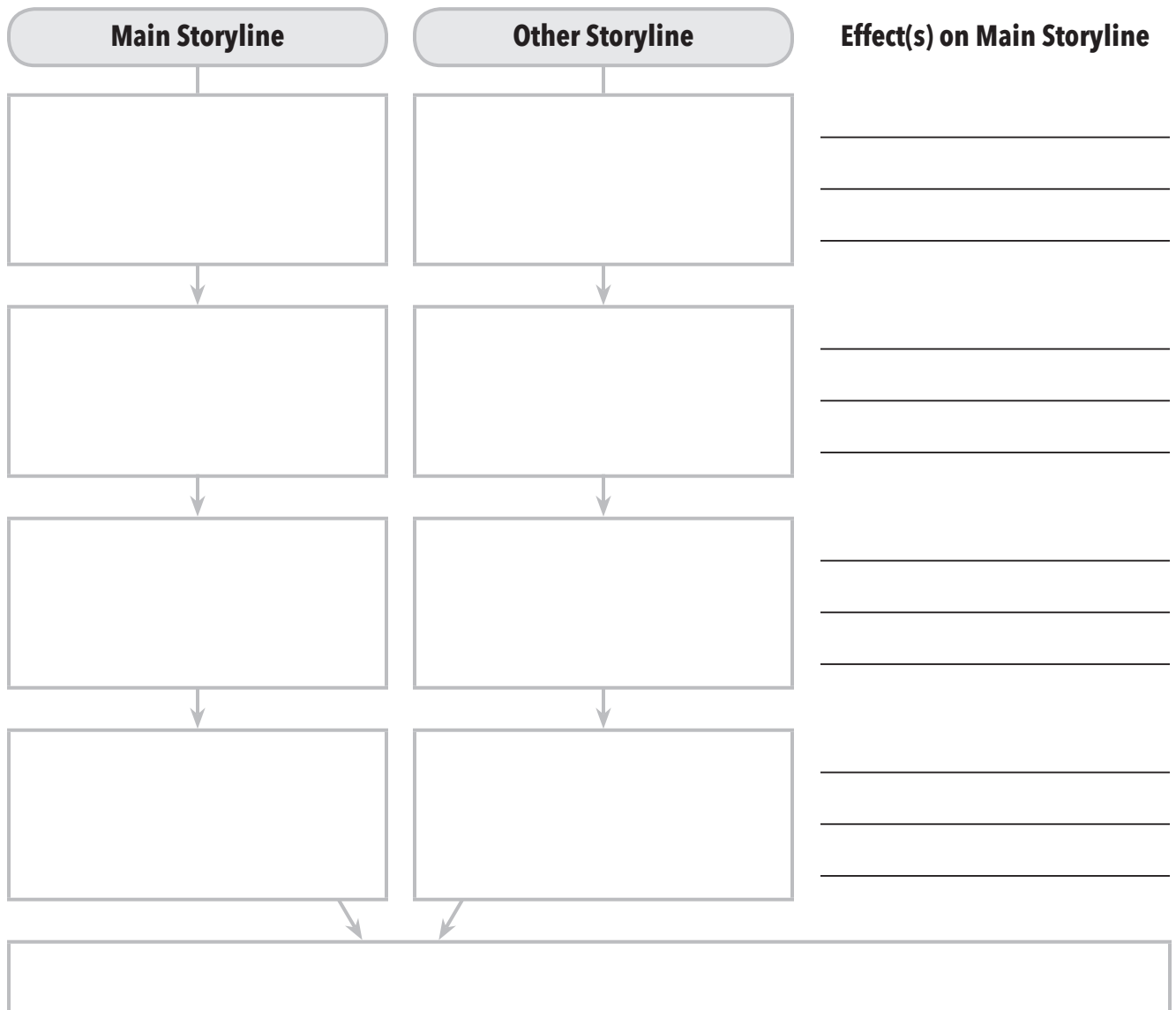
In the world of a novel — just like in our world — there is often more than one storyline to follow at a time. While a main character’s storyline is featured, other characters have their own storylines and other events happen at the same time.

Use the diagram below to show how another of the novel’s storylines is happening at the same time as the main one.

- ✦ Do the events of the other storyline affect the main storyline in any way? If so, jot some notes about how they do this.
- ✦ Do the storylines meet up at the end? If so, fill in the final box to show how the two storylines come together.



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LEFT IN SUSPENSE

In literature, a cliffhanger is an ending — usually to a chapter — that leaves many questions unanswered and puts the readers in a state of suspense. What will happen next? There’s only one thing to do: keep reading to find out.

Chapters or page numbers in section: _____

Analyze the use of cliffhanger in the section of the novel you are reading. How does it work, and why is it an effective choice for an author to use?

1. How does the chapter or scene end? _____

2. Why is this a cliffhanger? What information does it leave the reader wanting to know?

3. Because the author withholds this information, what effect does that have on the reader?

4. How soon after the cliffhanger does the author give the reader this information — at the beginning of the next chapter, later in the novel, etc.?

5. How do you feel about the way the cliffhanger is resolved? Was the resolution satisfying? Why or why not?
