Plot Pitch Template

Use the template below as a guide for organizing the text of your story.
- This template is a suggestion of how the text of a 14-page children's picture storybook could be organized. It does not include the illustrations.
- Boxes 1 and 8 are one-page spreads.
- Boxes 2 through 7 represent two-page spreads.

1 Introduce characters. Establish the setting.	2 Introduce the main conflict.	3 Actions taken to deal with the conflict. Resulting complications.	4 Actions taken to deal with the conflict. Resulting complications.
5 Actions taken to deal with the conflict. Resulting complications.	6 Climax. Presentation of the correct action for solving the conflict.	7 Examination of the main character's feelings.	8 Resolution. ("Tuck in" the main character.)

Plot Pitch Peer Questions

Use the following questions to help develop feedback during the plot pitch peer session activity.

1. Does the main character have one or more identifiable traits that appeal to children?
2. Is the conflict something that a child will understand?
3. Does the main character attempt at least three different actions in an endeavor to solve the conflict?
4. Is the conflict resolved through the main character's self-reliance?
5. Overall, does the plot have "turnability" potential? Will the reader be drawn in by the plot and want to turn each page to find out what happens next?
6. Will the reader care about what happens to the main character?
7. Where are the more exciting places?
8. Where are the places that need more "zip" added to them?