In 1884, representatives from 25 countries held a meeting in Washington, D.C. The purpose of that meeting was to establish time zones around the world. On November 1, the meeting participants came up with a plan. Greenwich, England, became the Prime Meridian at 0 degrees longitude and, in the Pacific, the International Date Line was set at 180 degrees. The creation of time zones brought order to time worldwide.

"The Breakaway" - Reading Skill Sheet

1. Author's Purpose: **entertain**

Why did the author write this?

2. Genre: fiction Subgenre: realistic fiction

Ex: Nonfiction, fiction, or folklore Ex: Autobiography, science fiction, fable, informational writing, etc.

3. Narrator's Point of View: **3rd-person limited**

1st-person, 2nd-person, 3rd-person objective, 3rd-person limited, or 3rd-person omniscient

4 & 5. Summarize the text:

Five key events from beginning, middle, & end.

Answers will vary - example:

Justin was good at basketball. He was injured. His sister helped him with school. He succeeded in school. He passed the ACT and went to a nice college.

6. Exposition

A. Setting: basketball court, home, present day

When and where does the story take place?

B. Conflict: a young man has to deal with an injury and find another way to succeed.

Describe the conflict in the story.

- 7. **Rising Action:** List some events that occur before the climax.
 - 1. Justin was really good at basketball.
 - 2. His cousin got him to play a guy who injured him, ending his career.

3. Justin fell into a slump.

Climax:

The turning point Justin's sister taught him about how cool college was and helped him study.

Falling Action: List some events that occur after the climax.

- 1. Justin started studying and doing his work. He got his grades up.
- 2. Justin passed the ACT

Resolution: **Justin went to school in a nice place.** When the conflict is solved