**Summarizing**

**Activity:** Somebody/Wanted/But/So  
**Purpose:** To construct a graphic organizer to summarize story elements.

1. Have students fold a sheet of paper in fourths (or use our graphic organizer) and write the following headings on the four sections: *Somebody, Wanted, But, So.*
2. Using a story that the students have read, have students complete their individual charts by writing a statement under each section:
   - **Somebody** (identify the character)
   - **Wanted** (describe the character’s goal)
   - **But** (describe a conflict that hinders the character)
   - **So** (describe the resolution of the conflict)
   
   Remind students to focus on information that is most significant.

   Lesson variation: Place four Hula-Hoops on the floor, and label each hoop with one of the headings (*Somebody, Wanted, But, So*). After reading a story, have the students stand inside the hoops and summarize each corresponding aspect as they hop through the hoops.

Somebody Wanted

But So