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# STORY-PLANNING DIAGRAM

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| Sequence | P.O.V. | Tense |
|---|---|---|
| Time | Third Person | Past |

**Topic:** Historical event

**Title:** The Torpedo That Almost Killed a President

**Characters**

- Protagonist: Captain Walker
- Antagonist: Careless crewmen
- Others: President Roosevelt; Sailors on both ships

**Setting**

Atlantic Ocean near Bermuda; Naval ships; 1943

**Introductory Paragraph**

1. Reasons for trip

Sequence: Time

3. Could not travel by plane or sub
2. Military ship best idea
1. Radio silence was the order
4. President going to Iran

**Problem/Conflict**

Whether to disobey a direct order.

**Climax**

Crisis: A real torpedo was launched

Decision: To disobey the silence order

**Message/Theme:** Sometimes it is necessary to break the rules.

**Ending:** No lives were lost.

**Rising-Action Paragraph**

2. A Practice Drill

Sequence: Time

1. Set sail November 1943
4. The Willee Dee crew started a torpedo drill
2. The President asked for a drill of defense weapons
5. Someone forgot to remove a primer
3. The Iowa crew sent up weather balloons

**Climax Paragraph**

3. Terrible mistakes made on the Jimmy Dee

Sequence: Time

5. The second light signal was also `a mistake
4. The first light signal gave the wrong direction
1. Officer ordered a simulated firing.
3. Walker knew he could not use the radio
2. The sailors' faces turned white when saw torpedo

**Falling-Action Paragraph**

4. Walker faced a horrible choice

Sequence: Time

3. Seconds ticked away
5. Torpedo exploded behind the Iowa
1. .Walker forced to use radio.
2. Radio man asked for identification
4. President wanted to see torpedo

**Concluding Paragraph**

5. President saved crew from punishment

Sequence: Time

4. Crewman got 14-year sentence
2. Whole crew was arrested
1. Captain was in big trouble
5. Roosevelt forgave crew
3. Crew sent to trial in Bermuda