

# Connection Circle Template

- What's the problem: *What* is changing? *How* is it changing?
- Choose elements of the story that satisfy **all** of these criteria:
  - They contribute to the problem.
  - They are nouns or noun phrases.
  - They increase or decrease in the story.
- Write your elements around the circle. Include no more than 5 to 10.
- Find elements that cause another element to increase or decrease.
  - Draw an arrow *from* the cause *to* the effect.
  - The causal connection must be direct.
- Look for feedback loops (loops that connect back to each other). Tell their story.

