Graphic Organizers for Metaphors

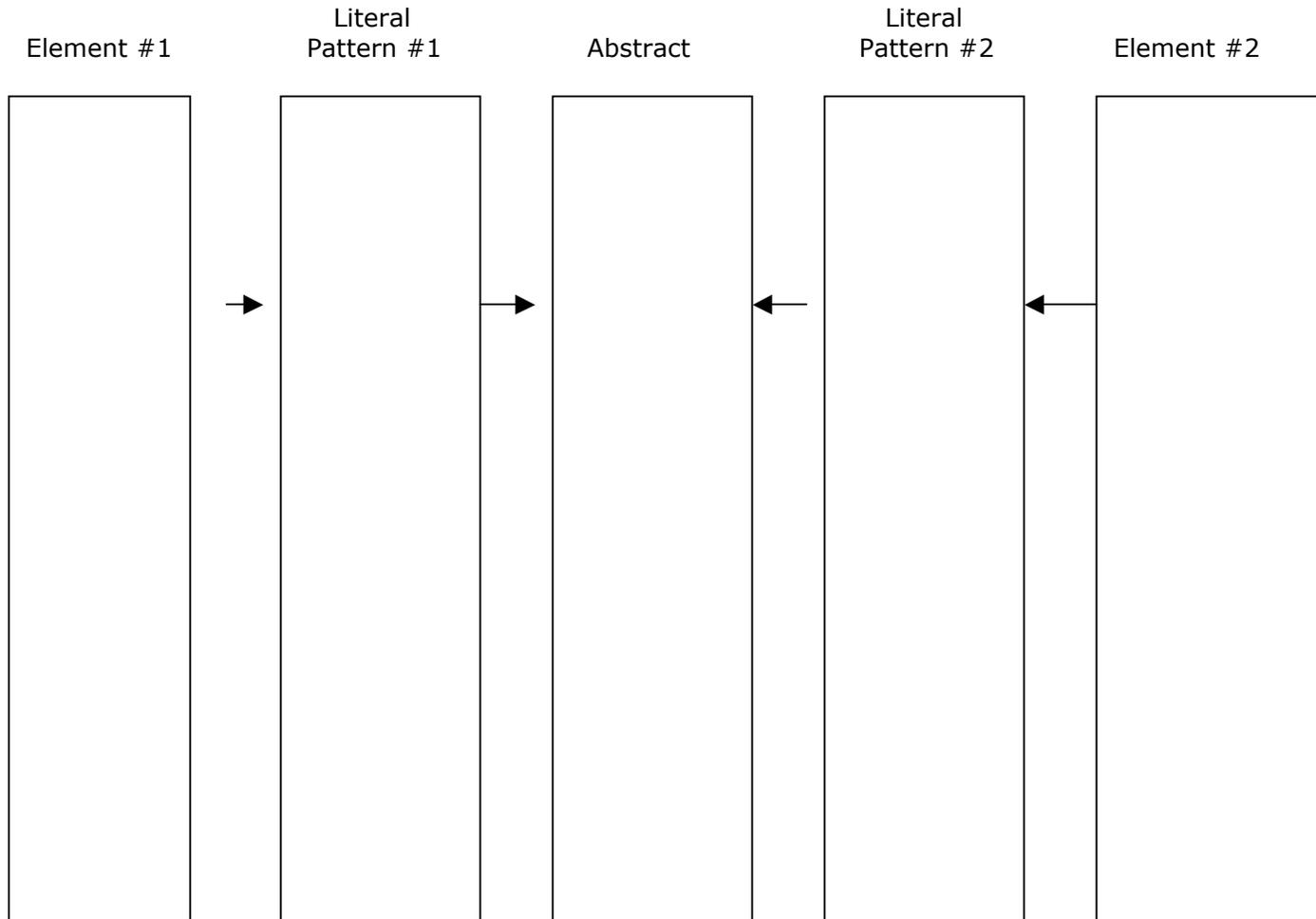| Element #1	Literal Pattern #1	Abstract	Literal Pattern #2	Element #2
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The key to constructing metaphors is to realize that the two items in the metaphor are connected by an abstract or non-literal relationship. Two elements might have different literal patterns but share a common abstract pattern. Using the graphic organizer above, students can fill in the elements of a metaphor, the literal pattern for each element, and the abstract pattern that connects them.