Story Elements

Book Title ___________________________ Author ___________________________

Characters: List the main character and supporting characters. Write a short description for each one.

Main Character

Supporting Characters

Problem: Identify the challenge the characters face.

Solution: How is the problem resolved?
Understanding Characters

Character

For readers to fully understand why characters do the things they do, they pay attention to how the character is described by the author. A character is revealed through the character's actions, feelings, goals, conversations and appearance. Choose one character and chart the evidence from the book that reveals the character's personality.
Character Changes

Characters change as a result of their experiences they have throughout the story. Just like us, they grow in response to the lessons they learned or the challenges they faced. Think about the main character(s) in your book and describe how he/she changed and why.

1. Describe the character’s personality in the beginning of the story. Be sure to include at least three personality traits in your description.

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2. Describe the event that you think caused the character to change. What specifically happened?

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3. How did he or she change? Be specific and use evidence from the book to support your claim.

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**How The Setting Influences Character Actions**

The setting of a scene in a story refers to the time and place in which a story takes place. The setting influences what a character does or thinks and can provide readers with insight to the attitudes of the characters that live during that time.

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**TASK:** Write a paragraph that describes how the setting of this scene influenced the actions of the character you chose.
Understanding Symbolism
A symbol is something that stands for something else. A symbol can be an object or an action that represents an idea or a feeling.

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Understanding The Message of the Story: Theme

The theme of a story is considered to be the author's main message about human nature, life, or society. The theme is often a timeless and universal message. After reading the story, write about what you think the main message, or theme, of the story is. Describe the message in your own words and provide evidence by including details from the story to support your statement.

Book Title

I think the author’s message (Theme) is

Evidence from the story that supports my thinking

Evidence, page #

Evidence, page #

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