

Plot

List three major events from your story. Why are they important?

What was the most important event from your reading today? Why?

How would you describe the plot to someone who is interested in reading your book?

How did the author start the book? Why do you think he or she did that?

What were some of the events that created conflict in your book?

What came as a surprise in the book? Why?

What events did you feel were not important to the book? Why?

Were the events in the book believable or unbelievable? Explain.

Give a summary of your reading today.

What clues did the author give to help you predict what was going to happen in the story?

How does the author create suspense in the story?

Is the plot of your story similar to another story you have read? Explain.

What events confused you in the story? Why?

If your story had a sequel, what do you predict the plot would be?

What plot event can you make a connection to? Explain.

How realistic is the plot of your story? Explain.

What part of the story would you like to go back and reread?
Why?

What events in the story caused you to stop and think? Why?

What plot events were included in the falling action of the story?

What plot events caused the main character to change his or her thoughts or feelings? Why?

What plot events are included in the rising action to the climax?

Was the ending of the story satisfying? Why or why not?

What plot event was most important to the climax of the story?
Why?

Describe two plot events and explain the effects of these events (cause and effect).

What plot event would you change? Why?

Which plot event had the greatest impact on the main character?
Explain.

What plot event was the most important to the resolution of the story? Explain.

Setting

Describe the setting's time and place.

Were any historical events mentioned in your story? Explain.

What were some of the clues that helped you to determine the setting?

Is the setting of your story realistic? Why or why not?

Compare the setting of your story to another story you have read.

What descriptive words does the author use to describe the setting?

If your book took place in a different setting, how would the story change?

Was the setting easy to visualize? Why or why not?

If your book was set 50 years in the future, how would the story be different?

How does the setting affect the mood of the story?

Can you make a connection to the setting? Explain.

Does the setting affect the problem in the story? Explain.

Where does the majority of the action take place in the story?

Did you learn any new facts because of the setting in your story? Explain.

If you were the author of the story, how would you change the

setting?

Are there any changes in the setting of the story? Explain.

If your book was to be made into a movie, where should it take place? Explain.

How did the setting affect the main character's thoughts and feelings?

Did you have to infer the setting, or was it explicitly stated? Explain.

Character

Are the characters in your book realistic? Why or why not?

Describe a character from your book that you would like to meet.

Which character do you admire the most? Why?

Which character do you admire the least? Why?

How did the problem in the story affect the main character?

List the physical characteristics of the main character. Use supporting evidence.

List the character traits of the main character. Use supporting evidence.

If you were the main character, what would you do differently in the book? Why?

Explain how the characters are connected to each other.

Which character can you make a connection to? Why?

What advice would you give a particular character? Why?

Who are the major characters? Who are the minor characters?

If you were the main character, how would you have solved the problem?

Is a character in your book similar to another book you have read? Explain.

How did the main character change throughout the story?

How do two characters in your story differ from each other?

Is the main character easy to visualize? Why or why not?

If you were the author, would you eliminate any of the characters?
Explain.

If your book was being made into a movie, who do you see playing
the main character?

Why?

Theme

What is the central theme of the story?

What do you think the author wants you to learn from reading the story?

What message is the author trying to send you? Why do you think this?

How did the problem relate to the theme in the story?

How did the resolution relate to the theme in the story?

What part of the story helped you to realize the theme? Explain.

Is the theme of this story similar to another story you have read? Explain.

Does the title of the story relate to the theme? Explain.

Give a quote from the story that relates to the theme. Explain why you chose the quote.

What clues did the author give you to help you infer the theme of the story?

What does the author seem to say about everyday life - people, society, values, etc.?

Conflict

What is the main conflict in the story? How do you know?

Is there a struggle between two characters? Explain.

What is the main problem in the story?

How is the problem in the story solved?

Did you agree with how the problem was solved? Why or why not?

How did the setting affect the conflict in the story?

What plot event contributed the most to the conflict in the story?
Explain.

Did the character's traits influence his or her reaction to the conflict? Explain.

Is the main conflict an internal or external conflict? How do you know?

Have you read another story with a similar conflict? Explain.

Can you make a connection to the conflict in the story? Explain.

Do you agree with how the conflict was solved in the story? Explain.

Give a quote from the story that shows the conflict. Why did you choose this quote?

How important is conflict to your story? Why?

How did the conflict in the story affect the main character? Explain.