

Summer Reading

Name _____

Per. _____

Title of Book: _____

Please answer the following questions on the Elements of Fiction in accordance with your individual reading (book) this summer. Please bring this to class during your first week.

Plot:

- 1) What are the chief episodes and incidents which help to establish the plot dramatically or chronologically?

- 2) How does the author use change and coincidence in the plot development?

- 3) Describe the climax and resolution of your plot.

Characters:

- 4) Who is the story's protagonist? _____ What does the author do to establish his/her motivations?

- 5) Which actions reveal the protagonist's character?

- 6) What dialogue is exchanged (list two examples) that help the reader understand the protagonist's character?

Setting:

7) How does the author establish the setting?

8) Why is this setting important to the believability of the plot?

Point of View:

9) What is the story's point of view? _____

The point of view is the position or vantage-point from which the events of a story seem to be observed and presented to us.

First-person narrative is a narrative mode in which a story is narrated by only one character at a time, who explicitly refers to him- or herself using words and phrases involving "I" (referred to as the first-person singular) and/or "we" (the first-person plural).

Second-person narrative is a narrative mode in which the protagonist or another main character is referred to by employment of second-person personal pronouns and other kinds of addressing forms, for example the English second-person pronoun "you".

Third-person narrative, a narrative or mode of storytelling in which the narrator is not a character within the events related, but stands 'outside' those events. In a third-person narrative, all characters within the story are therefore referred to as 'he', 'she', or 'they'.

Third-person narrators are often omniscient or 'all-knowing' about the events of the story, but they may sometimes appear to be restricted in their knowledge of these events.

Give an example from your text that indicates the Point of View.

10) If the story is told from the point of view of one of the characters, is the narrator reliable? (Is he/she accurate in their assessment of truth?)

Theme or Major Message:

11) What is the story's theme? _____ Is it stated or implied?

12) Did you enjoy this book? _____ Would you recommend it? Why/Why not?