

STORY

QUESTIONS FOR EVERY TEXT



Questions for Every Story



Answer these questions after reading a novel or short story, or after watching a movie.

SUMMARIZE THE PLOT

Summarize the plot in only 2-5 sentences.

SETTING

Where does the story take place? What does it look like where they are? How is it described and what feelings do you get from the environment? What year do you think it is? Is it set in the present society, in the past or in the future? How do you know?

CHARACTER ANALYSIS

Choose one or several characters. What are they like? Do they change throughout the story?

THEME

A theme is a topic that the story deals with, like love, friendship, war, or poverty. What theme(s) does the story deal with? How can you tell?

MESSAGE

The message, or moral, of the story is usually connected to the theme and is an opinion that the writer expresses. Not all stories have clear messages, but you can always read your own opinions into it.

What is the moral of the story? How can you tell? Are there more than one? Is it explicit (clearly stated) and do you agree with it? Remember to support your interpretation with examples from the story.

WHAT DID YOU LIKE ABOUT THE STORY?

Describe one or several aspects of the story that you liked.

WHAT DID YOU DISLIKE ABOUT THE STORY?

Describe one or several aspects that you disliked.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW?

Was there anything you did not understand? Was there any part of the plot that did not seem to make sense? Is there something that you would like to know more about, such as connections to real events or facts?