

Summer Reading Questions

Answer the following questions. Type and number your answers, using COMPLETE SENTENCES, on a separate sheet of paper.

SETTING

1. WHERE does this story take place? Give a general overview (country, region, etc.), as well as specific details.
2. WHEN does this story take place? Give a general overview (past, present, future), as well as specific details.

CHARACTER

3. – 4. Describe the main character in detail. Provide a PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION and a PERSONALITY DESCRIPTION; be sure to explain if the character is STATIC or DYNAMIC, SIMPLE or COMPLEX, and SYMPATHETIC or NOT SYMPATHETIC.

PLOT

5. What is the most important CONFLICT in the story? Describe it in detail.
6. What is the INITIATING INCIDENT? What starts the conflict?
7. What is the CLIMAX? What is the turning point or most important part of the conflict?
8. What is the RESOLUTION? How does the conflict end?

THEME

9. – 10. List at least TWO THEMES of this story. (A theme is a message or moral; it should sound like advice and include an opinion and a reason. For example, “Being responsible is good because you get rewarded for it.”)

GENRE

11. Identify an example of FORESHADOWING from the story. (“_____ made me think _____ would happen.”)
12. Identify an example of IRONY from the story. (“I expected _____ to happen, but _____ happened instead.”)

LITERARY TECHNIQUES

13. What is the TONE of this story? Why do you think so?
14. – 15. List at least TWO examples of FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE in this story. List the type of figurative language, as well as the example itself. (For example, “simile—like a kicked dog”)
16. – 17. What is the POINT-OF-VIEW of this story? Include the person and perspective. (For example, 3rd person omniscient.)

CRITICAL THINKING QUESTIONS

18. Compare/contrast a character from this story to a character from another story. How are they similar? How are they different?

19. Identify an important event in the story. Then, explain the causes and consequences of that event.

20. What do you think happens after the ending? Why do you think so?