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# Guided Reading & Thinking

Writing down notes about the basic elements of a story can help you remember and understand it.  
Use this organizer with the spooky play *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* to help you achieve a better understanding of it.

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**TITLE**

\_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHOR**

**CHARACTERS**

The main character's name is \_\_\_\_\_.

Some words to describe the main character are (provide at least three) \_\_\_\_\_

Some examples that show what the main character is like are \_\_\_\_\_

Another character's name is \_\_\_\_\_.

His/her relationship to the main character is \_\_\_\_\_.

Some words to describe this character are \_\_\_\_\_

Some examples that show what this character is like are \_\_\_\_\_

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**SETTING**

The location of this play is \_\_\_\_\_.

The time period of this play is \_\_\_\_\_.

The atmosphere, or feeling that the setting creates, is (e.g., rich, poor, strange, comfortable, scary, friendly, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_.

**PLOT**

These are the main events that happen in the play at the

Beginning: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

End: \_\_\_\_\_

The main conflict of the play is \_\_\_\_\_.

The climax, or point at which the conflict reaches its peak, is \_\_\_\_\_.

The conflict is resolved when \_\_\_\_\_.

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**LANGUAGE**

The story is told by (a narrator, the main character, someone else) \_\_\_\_\_.

The action is narrated by (a narrator, the main character, someone else) \_\_\_\_\_.

Why do you think the author chose to write the play this way? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

The language in the play is (i.e., humorous, serious, simple, complicated)\_\_\_\_\_.

What differences are there between the way the characters in this play speak and the way people speak today? \_\_\_\_\_.

**LITERARY DEVICES (OPTIONAL)**

Give examples below of some literary devices from the story:

Metaphors \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Similes \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**THEME**

What are one or two big ideas you think the author wanted you to get from the play?

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**RESPONDING TO LITERATURE**

Would you recommend this play to a friend? Why or why not?

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