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# Reading & Thinking

Writing about the basic elements of a story can help you remember and understand it. Use this organizer with any of the great fiction pieces in *Storyworks* to help you achieve a better understanding of it.

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**TITLE**

\_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHOR**

## **CHARACTER**

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 relation to the main character is \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

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

Hi or her relation 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 the setting is \_\_\_\_\_.

The time period of the setting is \_\_\_\_\_.

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

**PLOT**

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

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

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

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

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

The climax, or point where the conflict comes to a 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 story has a lot of dialogue/ a little dialogue/ no dialogue. (Circle one)

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

**LITERARY DEVICES (OPTIONAL):**

Here are some literary devices from the story:

Metaphors \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Similes \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**THEME**

What are one or two big ideas you think the author wanted you to get out of the story?

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**RESPONDING TO LITERATURE**

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

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