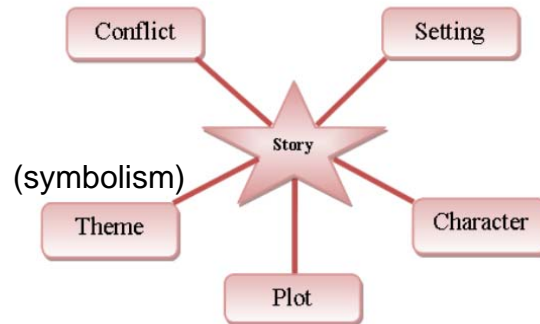


Elements of a Story Assignment

In preparation for grade 8, students are expected to do three literature analyses to deepen their understanding while reading. In class we have been studying the elements of story.



This assignment is designed to help students identify and assist students to read towards a more complete understanding of the complexities of a literary structure (ie. novels, biographies, true crime, etc.)

This book report of a children's picture book allowing the students to identify all components at a beginning level and throughout the year will be analyzing more challenging texts.

The book report will be due on October 16, 2013

Each book report will contain the following:

- 1) A cover page indicating the title of the book, the author, and a visual symbol representing the main idea in the book.
- 2) A summary of the main plot of the book (min. half-page).
- 3) A descriptive paragraph indicating the setting of the book (min. 1 paragraph).
- 4) An analysis of the protagonist and the antagonist, along with any major secondary characters. (min. half-page).
- 5) An analysis of any major themes that emerged from the novel/book. (min. 2 paragraphs).
- 6) Descriptive paragraph outlining the symbolism (hidden message) of the book using tangible and intangible examples from the text.

Each book report will be written in the following format:

- 1) Typed, using Times New Roman or Arial font.
- 2) 12 point font size
- 3) Double-spaced
- 4) The cover page may be hand-drawn and should be coloured.
- 5) Student's name should be on the cover page – near the bottom.