



PLANIT
TEACHERS

Short Story Comprehension and Essay Writing Homework Sheet

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

Due Date: _____

Introduction and Instructions

Welcome to this homework sheet on short story comprehension and essay writing. Your task is to read a short story, answer comprehension questions, and write a five-paragraph essay analyzing the story. This assignment aims to improve your reading skills, enhance your vocabulary, and promote critical thinking and writing abilities.

1. Read the short story carefully and take notes on key events, characters, and themes.
2. Answer the comprehension questions on Page 2.
3. Plan and write your essay on Pages 3-5.
4. Review and edit your work on Page 6.
5. Complete the vocabulary building activity on Page 7.
6. Attempt the extension activities on Pages 8-9 (optional).
7. Evaluate your work using the success criteria on Page 10.

Reading Comprehension Questions

Read the short story and answer the following questions:

1. Who are the main characters in the story?
2. What is the main conflict or problem in the story?
3. How does the story resolve?
4. What themes are presented in the story?

Reflection: How do these questions help you understand the story better? How can you use this information in your essay?

Essay Writing - Introduction

Write an introduction to your essay, including:

- The title and author of the short story
- A brief summary of the story
- A thesis statement outlining the main points you will discuss

Essay Writing - Body Paragraphs

Write three body paragraphs, each focusing on a different aspect of the story, such as:

- Character development
- Plot
- Themes

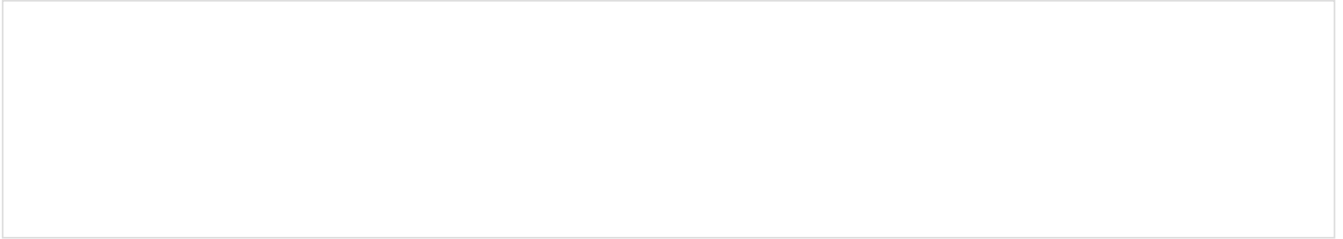
Ensure each paragraph supports your thesis statement.

Essay Writing - Conclusion

Write a conclusion summarizing the main points discussed in your essay and reiterating your thesis statement in different words. Provide a final thought on the story.

Review and Edit

Review your essay for content, structure, and grammar. Edit your work to improve clarity and coherence.



Vocabulary Building

Identify 10 vocabulary words from the story that are new to you. Look up their definitions and use each word in a sentence related to the story.

Extension Activity - Creative Writing (Optional)

Write an alternative ending to the story or a sequel. Reflect on how this exercise helps you understand the story's structure and character development.

Extension Activity - Literary Analysis (Optional)

Research and write about the historical or cultural context of the story. Analyze how the author uses literary devices in the story. Reflect on how this deeper analysis enhances your understanding of the story and its themes.

Success Criteria and Evaluation

Your essay will be evaluated based on:

- Content (40%): Depth of analysis, use of textual evidence, and how well your essay supports your thesis statement.
- Organization and Structure (30%): Clarity of introduction, body paragraphs, and conclusion. Effective use of transitional phrases and sentences.
- Language Use (20%): Vocabulary, grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
- Mechanics (10%): Adherence to the five-paragraph structure, word count, and submission guidelines.

Use this criteria to evaluate your own work and identify areas for improvement.