

Questions for Narrative Story Structure

NOTE: Not to be used as a student handout. The following are meant to assist teachers to ask effective questions.

Remember

- Who are the main characters?
- When did the story take place? (setting)
- Where did the story take place? (setting)

Understand

- What is the main idea of the story?
What are the major events in the story?
- Sequence the events of the story.
- Retell the story.
- Describe the setting. Describe the main character.
- What is the mood of the story?
- Give examples of when _____ (a character) felt _____.
- What is the problem in this story?

Apply

- Does the story remind you of anything?
- What do you predict will happen next if the story continues?
- How is the problem solved in this story?
- Can you think of other possible solutions to the problem?

Analyze

- Why do you think _____ (a character) did _____ (an action)?
- How did _____ (a character) change/grow during the story?
- What caused _____ (a character) to change/grow?
- Why do you think _____ (a character) felt _____?
- _____ (a character, setting, problem) is like _____ (another character, setting, problem) because _____.
- _____ (a character, setting, problem) is different from _____ (another character, setting, problem) because _____.
- How did _____ (a character) feel when _____ (an event) happened?

Evaluate

- A place in the story I'd like to be is _____ because _____.
- A place in the story I would not like to be is _____ because _____.
- My favorite part of the story was _____ because _____.
- I like this story because _____.
- I do not like this story because _____.

Create

- What if you were _____ (a character, a place), what would you do?
- How could you change the story to make it more _____?
- Suppose _____, then what would have happened?
- Create a new setting/problem for the story.
- Imagine you are _____ (a character) and plan a day in her/his life.