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Close Reading Book/Story Review Activity

Step 1: Complete each section below based on what you read in the book/story.

Title:

Author:

Protagonist:

Tip: Main Character

Antagonist:

Tip: Character that creates conflict for the protagonist. Can be positive or negative, good person or villain.

Setting of Book/Story:

Tip: Time, place, mood, circumstances.

Conflict:

Tip: The protagonist or main character's problem.

Rising Action:

Tip: The antagonist causes conflict for the protagonist. The conflict intensifies.

Climax:

Tip: The point at which the protagonist makes a decision to solve the conflict. What decision does the protagonist make?

Falling Action:

Tip: Events that occur as a result of the decision made by the protagonist in the climax.

Resolution:

Tip: The story concludes and the conflict is resolved. Character realizes that he or she has changed in an important way.

Theme:

Tip: (Moral or lesson) The Protagonist has learned an important life lesson. What has he or she learned? This is what the author wants the reader to learn also.

Step 2: On a separate sheet of paper, write a summary paragraph to explain how the theme develops in the story or book. Use the information from Step 1 and follow these guidelines:

- Write a **topic sentence** which mentions the title, the author, and the theme.
- Write 3-4 (or more) other sentences that identify the:
 1. protagonist
 2. antagonist
 3. rising action
 4. conflict
 5. falling action
 6. resolution
- End with a sentence that restates your idea about the **theme**. (Do not repeat the theme from your topic sentence word for word. Change it around and state it in a different way.)