

Story Structure Assessment Rating Guide



Name _____

Date _____

Setting

Rating (0-4)

- 4 Includes an introduction, names of main character and other characters, description of important places and times.
- 3 Includes main character and some other characters, brief description of place and time.
- 2 Includes main character and briefly states times or place.
- 1 Includes only one element, such as place or names of minor characters.
- 0 Does not include any information related to setting.

Problem

Rating (0-4)

- 4 Includes an elaboration of the main characters primary goal or problem to be solved, including motive or theme of story. This also includes the event that sets up the problem in the story.
- 3 Includes primary problem main character needs to solve.
- 2 Includes only a sketchy idea of the problem.
- 1 Includes an unrelated problem.
- 0 Does not include problem.

Events

Rating (0-4)

- 4 Includes key events or plot episodes that lead to resolution. Most events or episodes mentioned are related to attempts to solve the problem, a consequence of this action and the characters' reaction to the situation.
- 3 Includes some key events and some of these relate to attempts to solve the problem, a consequence of this action and the characters' reaction.
- 2 Includes some key events but does not elaborate in them.
- 1 Includes only a few unrelated events.
- 0 Does not include any key words.

Resolution

Rating (0-4)

- 4 Ends the story so there is a sense of sequence and describes how the problem was resolved and the goal attained.
- 3 Ends the story so there is a sense of sequence and briefly tells how the problem was resolved.
- 2 Ends the story so there is a sense of sequence, but does not tell how the problem was resolved.
- 1 Ends the story abruptly.
- 0 Stops in the middle of the story.

Total Score _____