

6TH GRADE SUMMER READING



TOUCHING SPIRIT BEAR

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TASK #1: CHARACTERS

Directions: AS you read, fill in the form with the characters from the novel. Indicate whether the character is a major or minor character and describe them.

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TASK #2: SETTING

DEFINITION OF SETTING:

- The setting of a piece of literature is the time and place in which the story takes place. The definition of setting can also include weather, historical period, and details about immediate surroundings. Settings can be real or fictional, or a combination of both real and fictional elements. Some settings are very specific, while others are descriptive (a boat out on the ocean). Most pieces of literature include more—or many more—than one setting, either as the narrative progresses through time or to include points of view from more than one character.

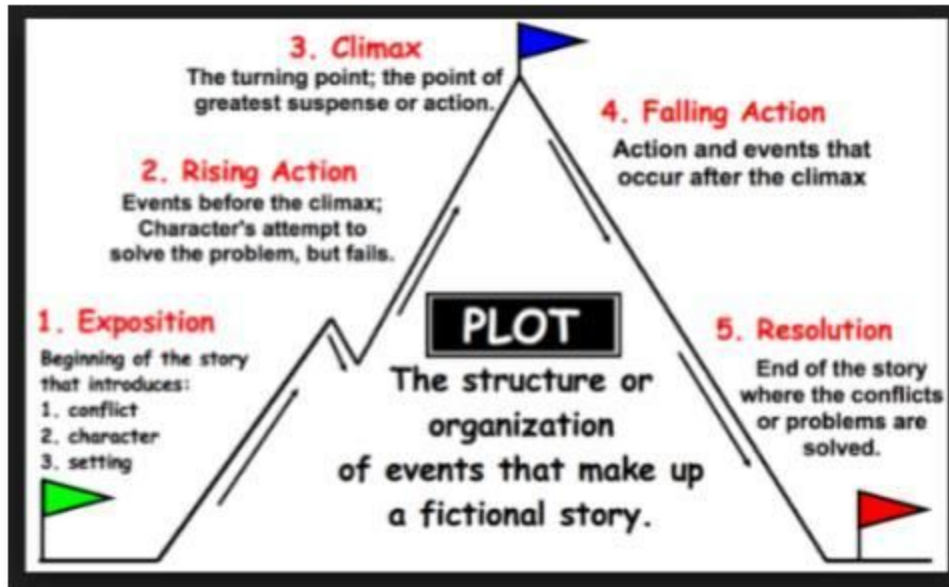
WHAT TIME PERIOD IS THE BOOK SET IN?	HOW DO YOU KNOW? QUOTES FROM THE NOVEL
WHAT IS THE GENERAL SETTING OF THE BOOK?	HOW DO YOU KNOW? QUOTES FROM THE NOVEL

FIND A QUOTE THAT INTRODUCES THE MAIN SETTING AND SKETCH AN IMAGE OF HOW YOU PICTURE IT BELOW:

QUOTE AND CITATION:

SKETCH:

TASK #3: PLOT STRUCTURE



As you read, take bullet point notes below to keep track of the overall plot structure of your book:

1. EXPOSITION
BEGINNING/
INTRODUCTION

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2. RISING ACTION
EVENTS LEADING TO
CLIMAX

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3. CLIMAX
THE TURNING POINT/
MAJOR ACTION

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4. FALLING ACTION
EVENTS AFTER THE
MAJOR ACTION

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5. RESOLUTION
SOLVING OF
CONFLICTS/PROBLEMS

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TASK #4: FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

Imagery	Simile	Metaphor	Foreshadowing	Suspense
	Sensory Details	Hyperbole	Personification	

Select **THREE** of the above figurative language techniques to explore further in your book.
Find **multiple** examples of each technique and list them below:

Figurative Language:	TWO EXAMPLES FROM NOVEL:
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TASK #5: PERSONAL EVALUATION

How did you feel about the book? What did you connect with in the novel? What did you like about the novel? What was confusing for you or what did you struggle with understanding the most? Write a short paragraph below (min. of 5 sentences) answering the above questions. Use direct evidence from the novel.