



### **SETTING (where and when the story takes place)**

4. Describe the **setting** and tell why it is important to the story.

### **THEME (author's big idea about life or people)**

5. Explain the theme (message or main idea) of the story.

### **PLOT/SUMMARY**

6. Describe the beginning events in the story (rising action).

7. Explain the protagonist's **main conflict/problem**. Is the **conflict internal**, a problem with himself/herself (man vs. self)? Or is the **conflict external**, a problem with another character or outside force (man vs. man, nature, society)?

8. List **2 or 3 major events** in the story. Can you identify and explain the **climax** or the part of the story where the action is the most intense?

9. Explain how the protagonist's main problem/conflict is solved (**resolution**).