

Novel analysis

1. The Plot

For each chapter, write a short summary of what has happened, and give a brief description of how the story is developing.

2. Timeline of events

Make a chart and plot the events in a timeline.

3. Setting

The setting is the place or places where the story happens.

If the story takes place in a particular part of the world, draw a map to show where it is. Also describe any features of the place or places in which the story takes place, e.g., Does it have particular weather or landscape features? Is it in the country or city?

4. Characters

For each of these characters: write their name, a sentence saying why they are important to the story and three adjectives to describe them. What challenges did the characters face? Did they change any of their attitudes over the course of the story? If so, how?

5. First Person Narrative

Imagine you are one of the characters in the novel. Choose an important episode from the story, and describe the incident from your character's point of view, explaining why you felt and acted the way you did.

Write about a page, and use the first-person narrative 'I'.

Make sure you use strong verbs and interesting adjectives in your writing.

6. Theme

The Theme is an important idea which can be learned from the story. Sometimes there is more than one theme. Think about what happens in the story, then write a paragraph or more explaining the theme (or themes), and what we can learn from the story.

7. Final comments

After you have read the book:

What was the most exciting part of the story?

Which part/s of the story affected your emotions? Explain.

Which character/s did you admire the most and why?

What was the greatest problem to be solved in the story?

How was it solved?

What moral dilemmas were encountered in the story?