

## Responding Critically to a Short Story

1. Who is telling the story?
2. What is his or her attitude towards the characters and events in the story?
3. How is the setting connected to the conflict?
4. How is the setting connected to the characters?
5. Would the story change if the setting was changed? Explain.
6. What are the major events or complications leading to the climax of the story?
7. Are these events logical and believable?
8. To what degree is the conflict resolved?
9. Why does this story end where and when it does?
10. Is the dialogue convincing? Explain.
11. What are the major personality and physical attributes of the protagonist?
12. What are the major personality and physical attributes of the antagonist?
13. How are the characters, setting, and plot related to the theme?
14. Does the writer's style suit the context of the story?