

Independent Reading Project CDs Literary Elements

In this project you will design 7 CDs—both front and back—that illustrate the five literary elements in a short story or novel.

Directions:

1. Use the paper CD cutout as a template to cut out 5 circles the size of a CD.
2. Label the first CD "Character."
 - Describe a main character (protagonist) in the story on one side.
 - Provide an illustration that represents that character on the opposite side.
3. The second CD will be labeled "Setting."
 - On this CD, describe a setting from the story.
 - Provide an illustration on the opposite side.
4. The third CD will be labeled "Conflict" on one side.
 - Write about a specific conflict on one side.
 - Provide an illustration on the other side.
5. The fourth CD will be labeled "Rising Action"
 - Will consist of a description of the major events of the story on one side that lead to the climax
 - Provide an illustration on the other side.
6. The fifth CD will be labeled "Climax."
 - Write about the climax or turning point in the story.
 - Provide an illustration on the other side.
7. The sixth CD will be labeled "Falling Action."
 - Write about the event(s) leading to the resolution of the story.
 - Provide an illustration on the other side.
8. The final CD will be labeled "Resolution."
 - Write about the resolution of the story.
 - Provide an illustration on the other side.
9. COVER: title and author of the story and an illustration on the cover of the case.
You can do this on a sheet of white drawing paper cut to fit the outside (see template)
10. Write your name and class period on the back of the case.

Rubric for Independent Reading Project CDs:

- _____ Character CD description includes character's physical attributes, personality, behavior, thoughts and feelings; Illustrated/ labeled **(5 points)**
- _____ Setting CD describes setting with vivid vocabulary; illustrated and labeled **(5 points)**
- _____ Conflict described; CD illustrated and labeled "Conflict" on one side, illustrated/labeled **(5 points)**
- _____ Rising Action CD describes important events that occur leading to the climax, illustrated/labeled **(5 points)**
- _____ Climax CD describes the turning point or height of the conflict, illustrated/labeled **(5 points)**
- _____ Falling Action CD describes important events that occur leading to resolution; illustrated and labeled **(5 points)**
- _____ Resolution is clearly stated; CD illustrated and labeled "Resolution" **(5 points)**
- _____ Conventions: Front of CD case has title, author, illustration; your name is on the back Correct spelling, usage, punctuation, capitalization, complete sentences; neatly presented **(5 points)**
- _____ **AR Test Taken/Passed (10 points)**
- _____ **FINAL GRADE/50**

Independent Reading Project Flip Book Literary Elements

Using just 3 sheets of white paper, in this project you will label and illustrate the five literary elements of the book you read independently this quarter.

Directions:

1. Line up sheets of construction paper and stagger them at 1" intervals in a vertical row.
2. Fold each sheet away from you, making sure each fold leaves 1" of paper above it.
3. Open the book to the center fold and staple. You now have a flip book.
4. Turn the flip book toward you. The top fold should include the title and author of the book you read.
5. On the second flap, write the word "Character."
 - Above it, describe a character from the book.
 - Illustrate.
6. On the third flap, write the word "Setting."
 - On this flap describe a setting from the book.
 - illustrate.
7. The fourth flap will have the word "Conflict/Resolution."
 - Tell about a conflict in the story and how it was resolved.
8. The fifth flap will be labeled "Plot"
 - Describe the important events that occur in the piece.
 - Include a plot diagram including rising action, climax, and falling action.
9. The final flap will be titled "Critique."
 - Give your opinion of the story, giving reasons why you liked or disliked the story, using specific details.
10. Write your name on the back of the flip book.

Rubric for Flip Book:

- _____ Title and author on first flap; your name on the back of the flip book **(5 points)**
- _____ Main Character description includes character's physical attributes, personality, behavior, thoughts and feelings, and what others think of the character; entry labeled "Character" /Illustration **(5 points)**
- _____ Setting described using vivid vocabulary; entry labeled "Setting" / Illustration **(5 points)**
- _____ Conflict/Resolution described; entry labeled "Conflict/Resolution" **(5 points)**
- _____ Plot included important rising action events, climax and falling action events occurring in the story; entry labeled "Plot" **(10 points)**
- _____ Critique uses specific details telling why you liked or disliked story; entry labeled "Critique" **(5 points)**
- _____ Correct spelling, usage, punctuation, capitalization, complete sentences; neatly presented **(5 points)**
- _____ **AR TEST Taken/Passed (10 points)**
- _____ **FINAL GRADE/50 Points**

Independent Reading Trading Cards Literary Elements

Your task is to create a set of trading cards that illustrates the literary elements in a short story or novel you read.

Directions:

1. Use paper or 3 x 5 blank index cards.
2. Label the first card "Character."
 - Describe a main character (protagonist) in the story on one side.
 - Provide an illustration that represents that character on the opposite side.
3. The second card will be labeled "Setting."
 - Describe a setting from the story.
 - Provide an illustration on the opposite side.
4. The third card will be labeled "Conflict" on one side.
 - Write about the main conflict on one side.
 - Provide an illustration on the other side.
5. The fourth card will be labeled "Rising Action"
 - Will consist of a description of the major events of the story on one side that lead to the climax
 - Provide an illustration on the other side.
6. The fifth card will be labeled "Climax."
 - Write about the climax or turning point in the story.
 - Provide an illustration on the other side.
7. The sixth card will be labeled "Falling Action."
 - Write about the event(s) leading to the resolution of the story.
 - Provide an illustration on the other side.
8. The seventh card will be labeled "Resolution."
 - Write about the resolution of the story.
 - Provide an illustration on the other side.
9. COVER CARD: title and author of the story and an illustration on the cover of the case.
10. Write your name and class period on a final card.
11. Wrap with a rubber band, in a ziplock bag, or in a clearly marked envelope to turn in.

Rubric for Independent Reading Project Trading Cards:

- _____ Character card description includes main character's physical attributes, personality, behavior, thoughts and feelings; Illustrated/ labeled **(5 points)**
- _____ Setting card describes setting with vivid vocabulary; illustrated and labeled **(5 points)**
- _____ Conflict described; card illustrated and labeled "Conflict" on one side, illustrated/labeled **(5 points)**
- _____ Rising Action card describes important events that occur leading to the climax, illustrated/labeled **(5 points)**
- _____ Climax card describes the turning point or height of the conflict, illustrated/labeled **(5 points)**
- _____ Falling Action card describes important events that occur leading to resolution; illustrated and labeled **(5 points)**
- _____ Resolution is clearly stated; card illustrated and labeled "Resolution" **(5 points)**
- _____ Conventions: Top card has title, author, illustration; your name is on the back card Correct spelling, usage, punctuation, capitalization, complete sentences; neatly presented **(5 points)**
- _____ **AR TEST TAKEN/PASSED (10 Points)**
- _____ **FINAL GRADE/50**