Literary Elements Assessment

You can test students' knowledge of these literary elements using any fiction text.

1. Select five or more terms from the Literary Elements handout that you want students to define and give specific examples of.

2. Determine how you will give the assignment: write the elements on the board or use the form below.

3. Have students take out a sheet of paper or hand out a test form; have students write their name on it.

4. On the chalkboard write the literary terms and explain that students should do two things for each one:

    • Define the term in a complete sentence.

    • Demonstrate understanding of the term by providing examples from the short story they read.

5. Give students enough time to write their definitions and examples. Collect the tests and grade assigning fewer points to the definition and more points to the connections students make to a text.

Name: _____ Date: _____

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Directions: For each literary element:

1. Write a definition in a complete sentence.

2. Provide an example from a text you have recently read that demonstrates you recognize and understand the literary element.

Text: _____

Literary Element 1: _____

Definition: _____

Example: _____

Literary Element 2: _____

Definition: _____

Example: _____

Literary Element 3: _____

Definition: _____

Example: _____

Literary Element 4: _____

Definition: _____

Example: _____

Literary Element 5: _____

Definition: _____

Example: _____