

Reading Fiction

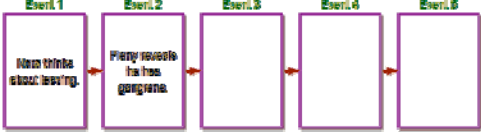
THE ACTIVE READER
Unit 1, Part 1, Grade 9

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Strategies for Understanding Plot

Understanding Plot

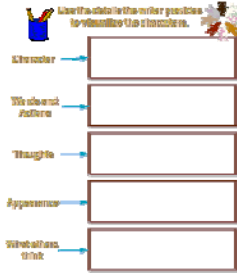
Keep track of the events so they don't slip.
The chart will help you visualize the sequence of events.



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Strategies for Exploring Character

- A narrator can help a reader get to know a character by the way the narrator describes and reveals the character.
- A narrator may be sympathetic or critical.



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Strategies for Visualizing Setting

- Minimal reference to physical details of sight, sound, and smell will often go a long way in suggesting a setting.
- Also, time is an element in visualizing setting.



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Strategies for Determining Theme

When you finish the story, describe Nora at the beginning and at the end of the story.

- What did she learn?
- How does her attitude toward life in the West change?



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