Story Map Template for Fiction

Directions: Complete each part of this template on a separate paper.

Name:

Title: Author:

Genre: Realistic fiction Historical fiction Fantasy Science fiction

Main Character
The main character of the story is ________.
One word I would use to describe this character is_______.
An example from the novel that shows this trait of my character is when _________.

Point of View__
Check the point of view that the author use:
___ 3rd person (he/she/they; the narrator is not in the story)
___ 1st person (I/me; the narrator is in the story)
A sentence from the novel that proves this is the point of view is, “ ______________.”

Setting
General location________________________ Time period (past/present/future)______________
Check which type of setting is used:
_______ Backdrop setting (A backdrop setting not a major factor in the conflict or plot of a story.)
_______ Integral setting (An integral setting is important to the story. It is when the place and time influences theme, character and action of a story.)

Explain your reasoning for which type of setting you chose:
I think the setting is __________________ because___________________________________________.

Conflict
Check the main type of conflict in the work:

______character vs. man     ____character vs. nature
______character vs. society  ____character vs. self

Describe the conflict in several sentences:_______________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________

Plot
List the main events or complications in order:

a. The story begins with_____________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________.

b. The conflict develops when_______________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________.

c. The story concludes when________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________.

Complete these questions on a separate paper.

Character’s Feelings
Put yourself in the Character’s Shoes: When you put yourself in someone else’s shoes, you try to feel what that person feels.

● How does the main character feel about the conflict or problem they are facing in the story? Explain with examples from the story.
● If you were the character, how would you feel in this situation? Explain your answer.

Opinion
● Is this story worth reading? Why or why not.

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