

## Literary Analysis Worksheet

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Literary Devices Gr. 5-8 Classroom Complete Press

One of the most important essays about the African-American experience in the United States is Zora Neale Hurston's *How It Feels To Be Colored Me*, originally published in *The World Tomorrow* in May 1928. Hurston's was an original voice in the first half of the 20th century. As she reflects on her early childhood in an all-black Florida town, and her first experiences in later life feeling "different," Hurston largely focuses on the similarities we all share and on her own self-respect and identity. "Through it all, I remain myself." This short work is part of Applewood's "American Roots" series, tactile mementoes of American passions by some of America's most famous writers and thinkers.

Literary Devices: Setting Creating Quality Literature Units

"The *Joy Luck Club* is one of my favorite books. From the moment I first started reading it, I knew it was going to be incredible. For me, it was one of those once-in-a-lifetime reading experiences that you cherish forever. It inspired me as a writer and still remains hugely inspirational." —Kevin Kwan, author of *Crazy Rich Asians* Amy Tan's beloved, New York Times bestselling tale of mothers and daughters, now the focus of a new documentary *Amy Tan: Unintended Memoir* on Netflix Four mothers, four daughters, four families whose histories shift with the four winds depending on who's "saying" the stories. In 1949 four Chinese women, recent immigrants to San Francisco, begin meeting to eat dim sum, play mahjong, and talk. United in shared unspeakable loss and hope, they call themselves the *Joy Luck Club*. Rather than sink into tragedy, they choose to gather to raise their spirits and money. "To despair was to wish back for something already lost. Or to prolong what was already unbearable." Forty years later the stories and history continue. With wit and sensitivity, Amy Tan examines the sometimes painful, often tender, and always deep connection between mothers and daughters. As each woman reveals her secrets, trying to unravel the truth about her life, the strings become more tangled, more entwined. Mothers boast or despair over daughters, and daughters roll their eyes even as they feel the inextricable tightening of their matriarchal ties. Tan is an astute storyteller, enticing readers to immerse themselves into these lives of complexity and mystery.

Literary Devices: Using Graphic Organizers to Identify Characterization Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

\*\*This is the chapter slice "Plot" from the full lesson plan "Literary Devices" Following a basic understanding of reading, *Literary Devices* explores the language of storytelling with a detailed look at characterization, setting, plot, theme, point of view, foreshadowing and flashback, symbolism, and irony. Definitions of important terms and many opportunities to practice the skills being taught make our resource user-friendly and easy to understand. In addition, the objectives used in this book are structured using Bloom's Taxonomy of Learning to ensure educational appropriateness. You will be able to teach students how to use literary devices to examine the meaning and purpose of different types of literature. Through a mixture of narration and age appropriate learning activities, this book enables students to examine and understand the "building blocks" of all good stories. All of our content meets the Common Core State Standards and are written to Bloom's Taxonomy.

How It Feels to Be Colored Me Hachette UK

A seemingly ordinary village participates in a yearly lottery to determine a sacrificial victim.

Long Way Down Kendall Hunt Publishing Company

A Guide to Online Course Design offers faculty and professional staff a practical and easy-to-follow model for creating exceptional online courses that focuses on quality standards in instructional design, transparency in learning outcomes, and learner persistence. A comprehensive resource, the book includes effective, research-based instructional strategies to motivate online learners and help them become more self-directed. A Guide to Online Course Design emphasizes quality standards and removing barriers to learners' persistence, which ensures online courses meet the needs of online learners as well as distance education initiatives. "All faculty members and course designers, regardless of experience level, content background, or technology skills, can benefit from applying the approaches defined in this book. The authors have imparted a wealth of knowledge that can improve the quality of any online class and I highly recommend this book for all those involved with online learning." - Anton G. Camarota, faculty, University of Denver "Anyone involved in developing online courses should read this book! Packed with great insights and the research to back them up, Stavredes and Herder guide readers with practical information that will support online course development." - Brenda Boyd, director of professional development and consulting, Quality Matters Program "The blend of theory and application makes A Guide to Online Course Design an indispensable resource for any professional seeking to create high quality, outcomes-based learning experiences. I loved the action steps that close each chapter, as they lead the reader through the entire process of course design from analysis to implementation." - Kathe Kacheroski, dean of curriculum and instruction, Rasmussen College

**ANTHEM** McFarland  
Through journal entries, sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

**Thank You, M'am** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

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Creating Quality Literature Units Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

A novelist and short-story writer, Willa Cather is today widely regarded as one of the foremost American authors of the twentieth century. Particularly renowned for the memorable women she created for such works as *My Antonia* and *O Pioneers!*, she pens the portrait of another formidable character in *The Song of the Lark*. This, her third novel, traces the struggle of the woman as artist in an era when a woman's role was far more rigidly defined than it is today. The prototype for the main character as a child and adolescent was Cather herself, while a leading Wagnerian soprano at the Metropolitan Opera (Olive Fremstad) became the model for Thea Kronborg, the singer who defies the limitations placed on women of her time and social station to become an international

opera star. A coming-of-age-novel, important for the issues of gender and class that it explores, *The Song of the Lark* is one of Cather's most popular and lyrical works. Book jacket.

**The White Tiger** American Roots

This essential reference provides instructions on writing literature units. Teachers can select any novel and design a comprehensive unit that incorporates activities that promote student understanding, literary analysis, and critical thinking. Your custom-made units will stretch students' abilities to think, write, and thoroughly understand the selected novel. Grades 4-8

The Joy Luck Club Classroom Complete Press

The Harry Potter phenomenon created a surge in reading with a lasting effect on all areas of culture, especially education. Today, teachers across the world are harnessing the power of the series to teach history, gender studies, chemistry, religion, philosophy, sociology, architecture, Latin, medieval studies, astronomy, SAT skills, and much more. These essays discuss the diverse educational possibilities of J.K. Rowling's books. Teachers of younger students use Harry and Hermione to encourage kids with disabilities or show girls the power of being brainy scientists. Students are reading fanfiction, splicing video clips, or exploring Rowling's new website, Pottermore. Harry Potter continues to open new doors to learning.

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**The Play of Daniel Keyes' Flowers for Algernon** Classroom Complete Press

George Orwell's famous satire of the Soviet Union, in which "all animals are equal but some animals are more equal than others."

**The Most Dangerous Game** Wipf and Stock Publishers

*My Home is Far Away* is the most precisely autobiographical of Powell's fifteen novels. In this family chronicle set in early twentieth century Ohio, young Marcia Willard's family struggles to keep up with the rapidly changing times, and Marcia endures disillusionment, cruelty, and betrayal to forge a survivor's sense of independence. John Updike has compared Powell with Theodore Dreiser, Willa Cather, Sherwood Anderson, "and those other Midwestern writers who felt something epic in the national shift from rural to urban, from provincial sequestration to metropolitan liberation." By 1941, when Powell set to work on *My Home Is Far Away*, she was better known for the smart, boozy, bawdy, hilarious send-ups of Manhattan high and low life. She had begun to attain a reputation for high sophistication and nothing could be less "sophisticated" – in the glittering, all-knowing, furiously present-tense, big-city manner Powell had perfected – than *My Home Is Far Away*. This was the month of cherries and peaches, of green apples beyond the grape arbor, of little dandelion ghosts in the grass, of sour grass and four-leaf clovers, of still dry heat holding the smell of nasturtiums and dying lilacs. This was the best month of all and the best day. It was not birthday, Easter, Christmas, or picnic, but all these things and something else, something wonderful, something utterly unknown. The two little girls in embroidered white Sunday dresses knew no way to express their secret joy but by whirling each other dizzily over the lawn crying, "We're moving, we're moving! We're moving to London Junction!" *My Home Is Far Away* is one of the very few examples of a book written for adults, with an adult

command of the language, that maintains the vantage point of a hungry, serious child throughout. It might be likened to a memoir that has been penned not with the usual tranquility of distance but rather with the sense that everything happening to the characters is happening right now, without any promise of eventual escape, without any assurance that childhood, too, shall pass away. *My Home is Far Away* had been out of print for sixty years when Steerforth reissued it in 1995. It received immediate widespread acclaim, and was featured on the cover of the New York Times Book Review, where Terry Teachout called it "one of the permanent masterpieces of childhood, comparable with *David Copperfield*, *What Maisie Knew* and the early reminiscences of *Colette*," and where he proclaimed Powell to be "one of this country's least recognized great novelists."

#### **Fundamentals of Literature** Vintage

In 1954, Ishmael Chambers, a local reporter who lost an arm in the war, covers the murder trial of a Japanese-American fisherman, whose wife had been Ishmael's boyhood sweetheart

#### **The Rabbits** Simon and Schuster

Explore the language of storytelling and discover the meaning and purpose of literature with Literary Devices. Definitions of important terms and many opportunities to practice the skills being taught make our resource user-friendly and easy to understand. Examine the fundamental devices that make up any story, starting with characterization. Break down a character into their simple parts: dialog, appearance, thoughts, actions, and reactions. Take a look at the time, place and conditions of a story. Learn how setting can help establish the mood or atmosphere. Use graphic organizers to map out the plot. Find out how a story unfolds with the rising action, climax and resolution. Next, dissect a story's main purpose by identifying its theme and point of view. Aligned to your State Standards and written to Bloom's Taxonomy, reproducible writing tasks, crossword, word search, comprehension quiz and answer key are also included.

#### Snow Falling on Cedars Penguin

Instruction in analyzing short stories, and excerpts from various short stories in English.

#### Analyzing Short Stories Simon and Schuster

Hailed by The New York Times as "a compelling dystopian look at paranoia from one of the most unique and perceptive writers of our time," this brief, captivating novel offers a cautionary tale. The story unfolds within a society in which all traces of individualism have been eliminated from every aspect of life — use of the word "I" is a capital offense. The hero, a rebel who discovers that man's greatest moral duty is the pursuit of his own happiness, embodies the values the author embraced in her personal philosophy of objectivism: reason, ethics, volition, and individualism. Anthem anticipates the themes Ayn Rand explored in her later masterpieces, *The Fountainhead* and *Atlas Shrugged*. Publisher's Weekly acclaimed it as "a diamond in the rough, often dwarfed by the superstar company it keeps with the author's more popular work, but every bit as gripping, daring, and powerful." Anthem is a dystopian fiction novella by Ayn Rand, written in 1937 and first published in 1938 in England. It takes place at some unspecified future date when mankind has entered another dark age characterized by irrationality, collectivism, and socialistic thinking and economics. Technological advancement is now carefully planned (when it is allowed to occur at all) and the concept of individuality has been eliminated.

#### **A Raisin in the Sun** Rowman & Littlefield

Standardized test-taking skills for reading, math and language for grade 7.

#### *Plot Building* Classroom Complete Press

The revival of August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-winning play starring Samuel L. Jackson, Danielle Brooks, and John David Washington is now on Broadway! Winner of the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Play, this modern American classic is about family, and the legacy of slavery in America. August Wilson has already given the American theater such spell-binding plays about the black experience in 20th-century America as *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*, *Joe Turner's Come and Gone*, and the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Fences*. In his second Pulitzer Prize-winner, *The Piano Lesson*, Wilson has fashioned perhaps his most haunting and dramatic work. At the heart of the play stands the ornately carved upright piano which, as the Charles family's prized, hard-won possession, has been gathering dust in the parlor of Berniece Charles's Pittsburgh home. When Boy Willie, Berniece's exuberant brother, bursts into her life with his dream of buying the same Mississippi land that his family had worked as slaves, he plans to sell their antique piano for the hard cash he needs to stake his future. But Berniece refuses to sell, clinging to the piano as a reminder of the history that is their family legacy. This dilemma is the real "piano lesson," reminding us that blacks are often deprived both of the symbols of their past and of opportunity in the present.

#### *Literary Devices: Using Graphic Organizers to Identify Theme* Houghton Mifflin

#### Harcourt

'The rabbits came many grandparents ago. They built houses, made roads, had children. They cut down trees. A whole continent of rabbits...' THE RABBITS offers a rich and immensely valuable perspective on the effect of man on his environment.

Visually loaded and told with a passion for truth and understanding, THE RABBITS aims to promote cultural awareness and a sense of caring for the natural world.