

vocab lesson 1--literary terms

I. Matching. Match the word on the left with its definition on the right. You'll use all the letters once.

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| ___1. characterization | A. what happens |
| ___2. internal conflict | B. where and when it happens |
| ___3. external conflict | C. main character; story revolves around this character |
| ___4. irony | D. what a character is like; what s/he does to show his/her personality |
| ___5. plot | E. THE big moment; the explosion or gunshot or phone call or car wreck that finally ends conflict |
| ___6. setting | F. story leads the reader to expect one thing, but the opposite happens |
| ___7. suspense | G. quick wrap-up AFTER the climax; just before the credits in a movie; now the whole thing feels finished |
| ___8. climax | H. problem or struggle within a character; decision a character must make |
| ___9. resolution | J. detailed descriptions of the moments just BEFORE the climax; puts off moment of climax; audience waits and wonders "What'll happen?" |
| ___10. protagonist | K. a problem or struggle between two characters or between one character and some outside force, like weather or a negative personality trait |

II. Fill in the blank. Choose from the following list of vocab words to fill in the blanks in the sentences. Each answer is used only once. Each question relates to the story "The Sea Devil."

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11. The _____ of the story is "the man."
12. A _____ of the man would include a character trait like strong and some evidence from the story to prove that he is strong.
13. The story's _____ causes the reader to ask, "Will he live or will he die?"
14. During the _____, the man looks up and sees a plane flying overhead. His conflict has ended, yet the plane continues to fly as if man has conquered nature. The man knows this is not true.
15. The man experiences _____ when he tries to decide whether to fight longer or breathe the water and end his life.
16. The _____ of this story is "A man goes fishing and almost drowns."
17. The _____ of this story is "When the fisherman goes fishing, we expect he'll catch a fish. Instead a fish catches him."
18. The main _____ of this story is "man vs. sting ray."

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19. The _____ of the story is off the coast of Florida during a summer night in the present.
20. In the _____ of the story, the rope breaks, and the man is freed.

III. Short Answers. Choose from the following list of vocab words to answer each of the following questions. Each answer is used only once.

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21. _____ Which term best describes Hamlet’s “To be or not to be” monologue?
22. _____ Which literary term best describes two boxers in a boxing ring?
23. _____ What’s going to happen? How will the characters survive this?
24. _____ Around what character does every story revolve?
25. _____ Which term requires evidence to prove what the character is like?
26. _____ What big event always ends the suspense?
27. _____ How do you know when it’s completely over?
28. _____ What happens in the story?
29. _____ Where and when does every story happen?
30. _____ What does the reader experience when the story leads us to believe that a fisherman will catch a fish, and instead he gets caught by a fish?

IV. REACH. Write a literary term in the first blank. Then combine part of the literary term definition and part of the movie to explain your answer (PROOF).

31. Bruce Wayne = _____ PROOF _____
32. Two robbers stand in front of young Bruce and his parents in an alley. The camera shows Bruce’s face. We see Bruce’s father. Then the camera shows Bruce’s mother’s face. Then there’s a slow-motion shot of one robber ripping the pearls from her neck. LIT TRM: _____
 PROOF _____
33. The Joker challenges Batman to a duel. Batman vs. Joker. LIT TRM: _____
 PROOF _____
34. Joker falls to his death from the top of Gotham tower. LIT TRM: _____
 PROOF _____
35. The camera shows us the view from the bottom of the stairwell. Batman climbs. He looks up. The camera shows us the Joker pulling the reporter up the stairs. She loses a shoe. Batman finds the shoe as he continues to climb. When he reaches the top, Batman has to walk through all kinds of debris to find the Joker and the reporter. It’s hard to tell where he is. LIT TRM: _____
 PROOF _____
36. Bruce is smart and resourceful, and he wants to help his fellow humans. We know this about Bruce because he finds the chemical formula for the poisons that the Joker has been using.
 LIT TRM: _____ PROOF: _____