
Annotation Worksheet

Title: _____

Author(s): _____

Publication Info: _____

Identify the central character (the protagonist) and his or her identifying characteristics (background, goals, age/race/ethnicity, etc.):

Significant other characters (which characters will most affect the protagonist?):

Setting (place and time frame):

Pacing (leisurely? Rapid? Densely descriptive?):

Sensuality rating/level of violence/ other caveats (reading level; if nonfiction, is it for elementary/middle/high school/college?)

Most important challenge faced by the protagonist:

Roadblocks to success (what is the root of the protagonist's problem—personal characteristics, societal issues, natural disasters, etc.):

Which of the above elements are essential to convey? Construct one sentence including these, using strong verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in thirty-five to fifty words. Avoid passive tense.

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