

Critical Concepts 7.2B Literary Writing Lesson Plans

Turning Graphic Organizers into Writing Responses

After students complete their organizers, model how to turn it into a summary paragraph.

- **Theme/Central Idea**
- **Exposition**
- **Rising Action**
- **Climax**
- **Falling Action**
- **Resolution**

I DO – *To the Daisy* by William Wordsworth

Sample Summary

The theme of “To the Daisy” is the admiration of nature and its impact on human emotions. The poem begins by introducing a single daisy in a field, highlighting its simplicity and natural beauty. The poet describes the daisy’s surroundings and its gentle growth, showing how small details in nature evoke reflection. Wordsworth reflects deeply on the daisy, realizing how observing simple beauty can inspire joy and understanding. The reflection gradually returns to the quiet observation of nature in everyday life. The poem concludes by emphasizing that nature provides calm, joy, and emotional insight.

WE DO – *Alice’s Adventures Underground* by Lewis Carroll (excerpt)

Sample Summary

The theme of this excerpt is that curiosity and exploration lead to self-discovery. Alice notices a rabbit hole and decides to follow it, beginning her adventure. She discovers Wonderland, meets unusual creatures, and experiences strange events that challenge her understanding. Alice faces her biggest challenge in Wonderland, realizing that she must navigate its confusing rules. She adapts to the challenges and starts to solve problems independently. Alice gains insight into herself and her curiosity, learning from her experiences in Wonderland.

YOU DO WITH PARTNER – *The Whole History of Grandfather’s Chair* by Nathaniel Hawthorne (excerpt)

Sample Summary

The theme is the importance of family heritage and the passage of time. The story introduces the grandfather’s chair, describing its place in the family home. Family members share stories and memories while using the chair, showing its significance across generations. A key moment occurs when the chair symbolizes wisdom and tradition during an important family

event. Family members reflect on the chair's history and the lessons it carries. The story concludes by showing that the chair represents the continuity of family values and memories.

YOU DO INDEPENDENTLY – *The Star Spangled Banner* by Francis Scott Key

Sample Summary

The theme of this text is perseverance and national pride. The text begins by introducing the scene of a battle and the flag flying over Fort McHenry. The bombardment continues, threatening the fort and testing the defenders' resilience. The climax occurs when the flag is still flying after the attack, symbolizing endurance and victory. Observers note the aftermath of the battle and the flag's survival, reflecting national determination. The poem concludes by celebrating the nation's perseverance and continued pride in its symbol of freedom.