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## **Reading Essentials**

Discussion Question Notes

Grade 10

**Directions:** You will read two short stories in order to prepare for the quiz for this unit. You will need to read and annotate each story. While you are reading, be sure to answer the following questions. Use these questions to help guide your annotations and to ensure that you consider the important elements of the story. We will use these responses for class discussion later.

**Anchor Text:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the setting of the story? More importantly, why do you believe the author chose this setting? How does it help to serve their purpose?
2. What is the point of view of the story? What are the benefits and drawbacks of using this point of view for the audience?
3. What is the major conflict of the story and is it internal or external? How does the conflict add to the development of the characters and the theme?
4. What did you think of the plot structure? Did the author spend too much or too little time in any one area (exposition, rising action, etc.)? Was it perfect? Fully explain your thoughts.
5. What is the theme of the story? What contributed most to the creation of this theme (characters, conflict, setting, etc.)? Why?
6. Identify what the cultural perspective is. What did you learn about the culture and how did the short story communicate that information?

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**Choice Story:** \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What is the point of view of the story? What are the benefits and drawbacks of using this point of view for the audience?
  
3. What is the major conflict of the story and is it internal or external? How does the conflict add to the development of the characters and the theme?
  
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