Mrs. Moore’s Eighth Grade Exam

1. Vocabulary: Match the vocabulary term with its definition
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Protagonist
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Dialect
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Setting
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Theme
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Antagonist
7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Flat Character
8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Conflict
9. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Point of View
10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Round Character
11. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Irony
12. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chronological
13. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Plot
14. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Suspense
15. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Dialogue
16. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ First Person Point of View
17. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Third Person Omniscient Point of View
18. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Climax
19. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Short Story
20. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Style
21. The struggle between opposing forces in a story or drama
22. A variation of language spoken by a certain group of people
23. The order in which things happen, like a timeline
24. The way the author writes. The words the author chooses and how he/she arranges them.
25. The position from which the story is told; the narrator’s role in the story
26. The hero or main character in the story
27. The highest point of the story; when the conflict must be concluded
28. The actions of the story
29. A character that seems like a real person because they have many personality traits
30. A character who only has one personality trait; a stereotype
31. A feeling of curiosity, uncertainty, or even dread about what will happen next
32. A story that can be read in one sitting. It usually has one setting and one course of action.
33. The main idea or message (lesson) of a story
34. A narrator that knows everything about the characters and events of the story. The narrator is not a character in the story.
35. A narrator that is a character in the story. The word *I* is used in the story.
36. The force that opposes the protagonist
37. The contrast between what is expected and what actually happens
38. Conversation between characters in a piece of literature
39. When and where a story takes place
40. Read the following story and answer the literary element questions that follow.

Johnny wasn’t the youngest kid in the group, but he was the smallest. He was always running to keep up, always the last to get there. It was late March and the week had been unusually balmy. Spring had arrived early and forcefully. The gang was going down to the quarry to see if the water was warm enough for swimming. Johnny was determined to be the first one in the water. Though he arrived last, again, he had half of his clothes off before he reached the edge. He still had a sock dangling off of his big toe when with a yelled “Cowabunga!" He nose dived into the water. The icy cold clasped him tightly, leaving him immobilized. With a shudder he came back to life and kicked to the surface. His friends were all still standing at the edge of the water. Grinning with blue lips he called out, “Come on in! The water’s fine!”

1. Who is the protagonist in this story? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Who is the antagonist in this story? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the climax in this story? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the conflict in this story? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. What is the setting of the story? Be specific. Remember the two parts of setting. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. Is this story told from first or third point of view? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Is Johnny a flat character or round character? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. Underline the author’s use of dialogue in this story.
9. Read the following story and answer the questions that follow.

Once there was a sow that had three little pigs that were old enough to go away on their own. She told them to go and make a home to live in but “Beware of the wolf.” The first little pig found a farmer carrying straw and asked if he could have some to make his house. The farmer said, yes, and the pig left to make a home. The second little pig found a man with sticks and asked if he could have some to make his house. The man said, yes, and the pig left to make a home. The third little pig traveled all over to find a material that was strong. He found a man carrying bricks and asked if he could have some to make his house. The man said, yes. The third pig worked for a long time on his home. One day a wolf came to the first house and said, “Little pig, little pig, let me in.” When the pig refused, the wolf blew his house down and ate the pig. The same thing happened to the pig who built his house of straw, but when the wolf reached the house made of brick, he blew and blew and nothing happened. The last pig lived happily ever after in his brick home and did not have to worry about the wolf again.

1. Who is the protagonist of this story? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Who is the antagonist of this story? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the conflict in the story? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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5. Underline the dialogue in this story.
6. What is the theme of this story? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_