

Year 7: Novel Study

Features of stories	
Plot	What happens in the story. Also called the narrative.
Setting	Where the story takes place.
Characters	The people in the story.

Understanding Characters	
	What the character says
	What the character does
	What others say about the character
	How other react to the character

Narrative Perspective	
1st person	Told from the perspective of the speaker/narrator. Uses the pronouns 'I', 'My', 'we', 'our' etc.
2nd person	Speaks directly to the reader, suggesting that they are somehow involved in the story. Uses the pronouns 'you', 'your', 'our' etc.
3rd person	Told from the perspective of a narrator who can see everything that happens and knows what characters are feeling and thinking. Uses pronouns such as 'he', 'she', 'they' etc.

Answering questions on the novel...	
Point	Present your opinion on the question by clearly explaining your point of view.
Evidence	Pick some proof from the text to support your opinion (ideally a quotation you can present with quotation marks!)
Explain	Clearly explain your quotation and how the evidence you have used supports your opinion.
Zoom	Which specific words or phrases prove your point. Use terminology to explain the impact of these words.

Structure Terminology	
Sentence length	How long or short a sentence is and the number of clauses it contains can change the effect that it has. For example short sentences are often used to create tension whereas longer sentences can have a gentle, soothing effect.
Paragraphing	Just like sentences, the length and structure of paragraphs can create different effects.
Repetition	Using a word, phrase or idea more than once to draw attention to it.
Narrator	The person who tells the story (see narrative perspective).

