

Year 7: Novel Study

Features of stories		Narrative Perspective	
Plot	What happens in the story. Also called the narrative.	1st person	Told from the perspective of the speaker/narrator. Uses the pronouns 'I', 'My', 'we', 'our' etc.
Setting	Location (where) Scenery (what) Situation (why) Background (how)		2nd person
Characters	The people in the story.	3rd person	
Understanding Characters			
	What the character says		
	What the character does		
	What others say about the character		
	How other react to the character		

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).

Answering questions on the novel...	
What?	What has the writer done? An opening answer linked to the question
How?	How has the writer made you think this? Pick some proof from the text to support your opinion (ideally a quotation you can present with quotation marks!) Clearly explain your quotation and how the evidence you have used supports your opinion. Which specific words or phrases prove your point? Use terminology to explain the impact of these words.
Why?	Why has the writer wanted you to think this? What did they want the reader to think/feel?

