

Choose Your Own Short Story

Before we begin reading and discussing short stories, your teacher wants to know how well you are able to analyze short fiction. Let's look at some entertaining stories written for a mass audience!

Step One: Read a story!

- Head on over to Reddit (either: <https://www.reddit.com/r/nosleep/>) OR (<https://www.reddit.com/r/WritingPrompts/>) OR a subreddit of your choosing that has stories and fiction!
- Filter the results by "TOP" and "ALL TIME"
- Choose a story that you want to read! If it has several parts commit to reading every part. Look beyond the first story on the list!
- Be sure the story is long enough so that you can answer the questions below in detailed sentences.

Step Two: Respond to the questions below

1. What happens in the story (Exposition, Rising Action, Climax, Falling Action, Resolution)? Give at least one detail for each part of the plot.
2. Where does the story take place and what effect does the setting have on the characters, events, or mood in the story?
3. What is the main conflict and how is it resolved?
4. Who are the main characters and who are the minor characters in the story?
5. What happens to the main characters? What do they learn from their experiences?
6. What is the main message, or theme in this story?
7. How might this story change if it were told from a different Point of View?