

## Reading First Person Narratives Practice

### First Reading

1. What is the TITLE of the story?
  
2. Look at the ILLUSTRATIONS, what are they of?
  
3. Read the story
  - a. As you are reading, write down any words that you don't know. Try to figure out the meaning from the context. Find the definition in the dictionary and record it here. You must do at least two (2) words.

Word	Definition

### Responding to What You Read:

1. What part of the story stands out most for you? Write a brief description of that scene or draw a picture of it.
  
2. Is there anything in the story that you didn't understand? Ask a friend or your teacher. Record your question and the answer.
  
3. Can you relate to this story?

## Rereading for a Purpose

1. Use the plot diagram provided to record the event and important aspects of the story. Don't do this from memory; go back and look at the story to ensure that you are accurate.
2. Think about the protagonist. Complete the following chart to show what you know about him/her. Remember – a trait is a part of the person's personality. (ex: stubborn, smart, helpful)  
Proof is evidence from the story like a quote or a description of an event.

Trait	Proof

3. What do you think the theme is? Remember theme is the message of the story. It can be expressed as a word and then supported with what the writer is saying about that word. (Theme is NOT a cliché one liner like "treat others how you want to be treated.") Record your thoughts on the theme of this story.
4. CLASS DISCUSSION. Tell him/her what you think the theme is and listen to what he/she thinks the theme is. Discuss it. Don't be afraid to disagree with each other.