NAME: _____ Group: _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____ _____ MARK: _____

Author: _____

Title: _____

1st Published: _____

Used edition: _____ Year: _____

Publisher: _____

Subtitle: _____

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Chapters /Acts: _____

Pages: _____

A. THE BOOK: CONTENTS AND STRUCTURE

1. Shortly tell the story in your own words. (Take care of paragraphs and correct punctuation.)

General story line / plot: *opening situation – root of problem(s) – worsening of problem – rock bottom point / crisis – fast or slow improvement – ending / solution of problem or situation.*

Collection of stories: Write down each story title. Make an outline of the main story or title story.

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2. Genre

a) What sort of book was it?

Short-story ☐   Novel ☐   Play ☐   fairy-tale ☐   Very short story ☐

Myth ☐   Folk tale ☐   Saint's Life ☐   Fable ☐

b) What sort of story/narrative was it? (More options)

Historic ☐	Psychological ☐	Detective ☐	Humour ☐	Fantasy ☐
War ☐	Adventure ☐	Science Fiction ☐	Romantic ☐	Comedy ☐
Regional ☐	Family ☐	Thriller / Horror ☐	Tragedy ☐	

3. Time

a) When did the story take place?

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b) How much time elapsed between the beginning and the end of the story / the narrative?

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c) If relevant, give a background description of the historic period in which the story took place.

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4. Structure

a) How did the story begin?

By an introduction ☐   Right in the middle of the narrative ☐

Explain: _____

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b) What was the end of the story like?

Open ☐   Closed ☐ | | | | Happy ☐   Sad ☐

Describe the end of the story. _____

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c) Were there any scenes, words or symbols in the story that already foreshadowed (pointed towards) the end? _____

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d) Were there any flashbacks in the story? If so, describe one. _____

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e) Were there any time-lapses in the story? If so, mention one. _____

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5. Space / Surrounding area / Setting

a) Where did most of the story take place? _____

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b) Did the story or the scene shift places (frequently)? If so, explain. _____

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c) Does the setting or do the settings of the story have a function within the course of events? If so, explain. _____

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6. Social setting

a) Does the story take place within a certain social environment? _____

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b) Were there any class distinctions within the story? _____

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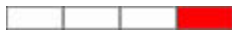
7. Narration and style

a) Who actually tells or tell the story? _____
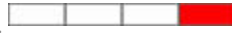
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b) In what narration form was the story written?
I-narrator ☐   Personale narrator (he/she) ☐   Omniscient narrator ☐

c) Does the story have much dialogue ☐ or much description ☐ or both ☐ ?
Shortly explain. _____

d) Is there much tension or suspense ☐ in the story, little suspense ☐ or no suspense at all ☐ ?

e) If relevant, comment on how suspense is achieved in the story.

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e) Is there any humour in the story? Shortly explain. _____

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f) If relevant, tell a bit more about the humour/satire/parody through irony or sarcasm.

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8. Characters

Who were the main characters (protagonist = chief character, hero)? Describe their personalities (thoughts, feelings, problems, conflicts) and relations according to the categories below. **Use key words**.

A general question: Are their thoughts and feelings described briefly ☐ or elaborately ☐ ?

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Age Work Looks			
Class Social background			
Behaviour Personality			
Friends Enemies			
Does character or attitude change in the course of the story?			

9. Theme and title

a) What is the main **theme** or idea? _____
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b) How do you know? _____
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c) Can you mention any sub-themes? If so, please explain.
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d) Explain the **title** of the book. _____
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B. PERSONAL JUDGEMENT

1. Key scene

What was the most impressive or most beautiful part of the book? Why? _____
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2. Opinion / Judgement

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Exciting/Thrilling	☐	☐	☐	Boring/Dull
Romantic	☐	☐	☐	Creepy
Sensitive	☐	☐	☐	Heartless
Funny/Humorous	☐	☐	☐	Serious/Sad
Interesting	☐	☐	☐	Meaningless
Realistic	☐	☐	☐	Unrealistic/Fantastical
Surprising	☐	☐	☐	Stereotypical/Silly
Philosophical	☐	☐	☐	Course of events
Real characters	☐	☐	☐	Typical characters

Anything else? _____
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Explanation/Arguments:
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