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 Story Title _____ Author _____

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I. Discussion Director – Prepare three questions for discussion, based on your own thoughts and reactions to the story. Think about characters, setting, conflict, beginning, ending, title, theme or main idea, etc. For notes, write down **2-3 SENTENCES OF YOUR** thoughts, as well as **page numbers of passages** that address the question. **NOTE:** Find passages that support your opinion!

1. Question:	
Notes/Answers:	
2. Question:	
Notes/Answers:	
3. Question:	
Notes/Answers:	

II. Literary Luminary – Choose three passages from the story to read aloud to the group. These quotations can be funny, important, confusing, surprising, well-written, or thought-provoking. Also **take down some notes** (2- 3 sentences **on your thoughts** about the passage.

4. Quote 1	p.	
Notes:		
5. Quote 2	p.	
Notes:		
6. Quote 3	p.	
Notes:		

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III. Connector – Connect this story to your life and/or the lives of the rest of us today: events in school or in our community, similar ways of family life, observations about human nature, or even characters in other books you have read. Write down and **EXPLAIN** the connections below:

1.

2.

3.

IV. Word Wizard – As you read, look for words that are new or unfamiliar, **OR** that are used in a way that you find **interesting**. Come up with a definition of what you think the word means, based on its context in the story, and then look it up to check your accuracy. **NOTE:** these should **NOT** be the words already noted or highlighted in the story.

1. p.

Sentence from story:	
What you THINK it means Or why you chose the word:	
DEFINITION:	

2. p.

Sentence from story:	
What you THINK it means Or why you chose the word:	
DEFINITION:	

3. p.

Sentence from story:	
What you THINK it means Or why you chose the word:	
DEFINITION:	