

## STORY TOOLS

The purpose of a story tools graphic organizer is to help students begin to think about the literary elements that writers use to create a story. This particular story tools sheet is only the beginning, as there are many more literary elements that you can add to the sheet, depending upon what you would like to teach the students. Feel free to modify this in any way you choose. A story tools sheet can be used to deconstruct a piece of literature or to compose a piece of literature.

To best utilize this sheet, ask students to define each of the terms on the left. Then have them read the piece of literature you will be working with. Finally, have them fill in the right hand side of the page based on the story they have read. Or you can have them begin a piece of their own writing in the same manner. Ask them to create a story using the story tools sheet as their outline. The great thing about the story tools sheet is once they have filled it out, you can have them choose the device they would like to use to “hook” their reader or begin their piece.

Scroll down to the next page for the actual organizer that you can print out and use in your classroom.

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MESSAGE/THEME	
APPEARANCE/CHARACTER DESCRIPTION	
ACTION OR EVENTS	
VOICE	
REFLECTION: How you felt about it, while it was happening	
EVALUATION: How you feel about it now, after having some time to think about it	
DIALOGUE: At least one piece of conversation between you and another character	