

# Literary BCR Stems

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1	Explain how the setting affects the characters.
2	Describe the mood of the story or poem. What words or phrases does the author use to develop the mood?
3	Explain how the illustrations help to convey the mood of the story.
4	How do the illustrations better help you understand the story?
5	How does the title contribute to your understanding of the theme of the story or poem?
6	How does the author's use of figurative language help you better understand the story or poem?
7	What is the theme of the story or poem?
8	How does the author make this story believable?
9	Create another title for this story or poem.
10	Explain how _____ changed throughout the story.
11	What words or phrases does the author use to create an image?
12	Explain the author's message.
13	Identify the genre of the story.
14	Explain the lesson or moral of the fable or story.
15	Describe the author's tone.
16	Explain the author's use of symbolism in the story or poem.
17	Describe how the mood changed in the story or poem.
18	How does the setting contribute to the mood of the story or poem?
19	What conclusions can you make about _____, based upon his or her action(s)?
20	Describe a character trait of _____.
21	Explain how the punctuation contributed to your understanding of the mood, tone, or author's style.
22	Explain the cause or causes of the conflict in the story.
23	What conclusions can you draw about _____ based on his/her interactions with _____.
24	How does the conflict between _____ and _____ affect the plot?
25	Explain how the poem's structure contributes to the meaning.
26	Compare the themes of the two poems.
27	How does the author's intent determine the tone of the text?
28	What words or phrases in the story or poem appeal to the senses?
29	How does the author's use of sensory images contribute to your understanding of the characters?

- 30 How does the author's use of sensory images contribute to your understanding of the setting?
- 31 Explain whether \_\_\_\_\_ is a good title.
- 32 How are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ alike and how are they different?
- 33 Compare the poems \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 34 Explain how you know that \_\_\_\_\_ is a poem.
- 35 Explain the author's use of \_\_\_\_\_ in this story or poem.
- 36 How does the author show that this story is a fantasy?
- 37 How does the setting influence the plot of the story?
- 38 Explain how \_\_\_\_\_'s actions affected the solution of the problem.
- 39 Evaluate the author's use of a \_\_\_\_\_ format in writing this story.
- 40 How did your opinion of \_\_\_\_\_ change from the beginning of the story to the end of the story?
- 41 Identify and describe the narrator of the story or poem.
- 42 Explain this statement: \_\_\_\_\_.
- 43 Explain a cause and effect relationship in the story.
- 44 Describe the author's feeling about \_\_\_\_\_.
- 45 How do you know this is a play?
- 46 What is the role of the narrator in this play?
- 47 Describe the purpose of the stage directions in this play.
- 48 How do the stage directions in this play help you better understand the characters?