

The Sniper

Short Story Lesson

PDF & Digital Formats



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Middle School Teaching Resources

RESOURCE INCLUDES

- Detailed Lesson Plan
- Comprehension Questions
- Graphic Organizers
- Answer Keys
- Assessment Criteria
- Final Assessment
- Google Slides Format
- Individual PDFs of student pages to post to Google Classroom™

EXAMPLE PAGES

LESSON PLAN



Lesson Overview: The teacher will read a short story out loud to the class, provide time for the comprehension questions and completion of the graphic organizers.

Materials Needed:

- Double-sided photocopy, or use the digital version of the provided short story analysis sheets, comprehension questions, Extend Your Learning choice board, and select 1 assessment sheet (rubric or points-based)
- Class set of "The Sniper" by Liam O'Flaherty short story (find this through a Google search for the short story name and PDF)

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Teacher Instructions:

1. Read the short story out loud.
2. Provide students time to complete the comprehension questions.
3. Collect the questions for assessment.
4. Provide students time to complete the graphic organizers.
5. Collect for assessment.
6. Give students time to work on their Extend Your Learning activity.
7. Collect for assessment on the due date.

Answer Key Note:

A sample answer key has been provided for the short story. All items are subject to interpretation of the reader.

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LITERARY ELEMENTS

Plot

Plot is the major events that take place during the story.

Inciting incident is the event that starts the story.

Climax is the highest point of conflict in the story.

Resolution is the ending of the story, where the conflict is usually resolved.

Text Example

Inciting Incident:

Climax:

Resolution:

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"THE SNIPER" ANSWER KEY

Plot	Inciting Incident A Republican sniper waits for a chance to shoot at his enemies.
	Climax The Sniper shoots the "enemy". He climbs down from his post to see if he recognizes the dead soldier.
	Resolution He turns over the dead body and looks into the face of his brother.
Character	Description/Type
	IRA Sniper – (Protagonist, Major, Dynamic) – He is a sniper waiting on a roof in Dublin. He unknowingly shoots his brother.
	Opposing Sniper – (Antagonist, Major, Static) – He is the enemy sniper posted on a roof across from the IRA sniper. The snipers have similar mannerisms and abilities.
	Old Woman – (Antagonist/Minor/Static) – Informer who betrays the position of the IRA sniper.

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