

Reading Journal Reference Tabs

ELEMENTS OF FICTION

Understanding Story Settings

When authors write a story, they can use certain words to describe the setting. This is connected to the tone of voice they are writing in. When a reader reads the author's words, they experience certain feelings. The reader's feelings are the mood.

Text Clues Related to Setting	Author's Tone	Reader's Mood
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the house the weather the time of day the season the location 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the author uses words such as "bright red building" and "colorful curtains" to suggest happiness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on the text a reader might feel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> happy cheerful joyful

Understanding Characters

Understanding Characters Vocabulary: When you are studying and thinking about characters, you want to pay attention to 5 main things. They are listed and defined below.

Trait	Feeling	Thought	Action	Motivation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a characteristic or quality that makes a person or animal different from others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a temporary emotional state or reaction caused by some event. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> an idea or opinion produced by thinking or occurring suddenly in the mind. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> an act or set of behaviors or habits, something a person or character does. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the reason or reasons one has for acting in a particular way.

FAST

FAST always tell you the traits of each character. But as a reader, you can infer those character traits. You can think FAST to help you determine a character's traits.

Feelings	Actions	Speech	Thoughts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do they feel about the problem? How do they feel about the character? How does the character behave? What motivates them to act the way they act? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do they do to solve the problem? What do they do to help the other character? How do they communicate (talk)? What internal dialogue do they have? What do they think about? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do they say to the other character? How do they communicate (talk)? What do they think about? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do they think about?

Understanding Point of View

The background knowledge, personal experience, feelings, and thoughts a character brings to an event or problem. Perspective and point of view are connected.

What is perspective?

When reading, ask yourself:

- How is their perspective different than others?
- What is their perspective?
- What is their point of view?

Setting & Story Events

Setting

This is where the author will place the story. It can also be the time of day, the season, the location, etc.

Story Events

Events that help the reader understand the story. It is usually the conflict early in the story.

Plot Structure

Exposition: This is where the author will place the story. It can also be the time of day, the season, the location, etc.

Rising Action: This is where the author will place the story. It can also be the time of day, the season, the location, etc.

Climax: This is where the author will place the story. It can also be the time of day, the season, the location, etc.

Falling Action: This is where the author will place the story. It can also be the time of day, the season, the location, etc.

Resolution: This is where the author will place the story. It can also be the time of day, the season, the location, etc.

Summarizing Fiction

Reading Check: When you read fictional texts, you can pay attention to certain elements of the story, question those elements, and then organize your thoughts to help you summarize what you read. The chart below can help.

Attention to:	Ask Yourself:	Organize Your Thinking:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> characters problem or theme in the text 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who are the characters? What problem are they facing? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draw a graphic organizer to show the key events from the middle, and include that the key events in the story.

Topics & Themes (cont.)

is an unlimited number of themes that exist in the independent reading texts. The questions will help you choose the text that might be trying to teach you about.

Point of View

Related Life Lessons

- Great achievement comes through sacrifice.
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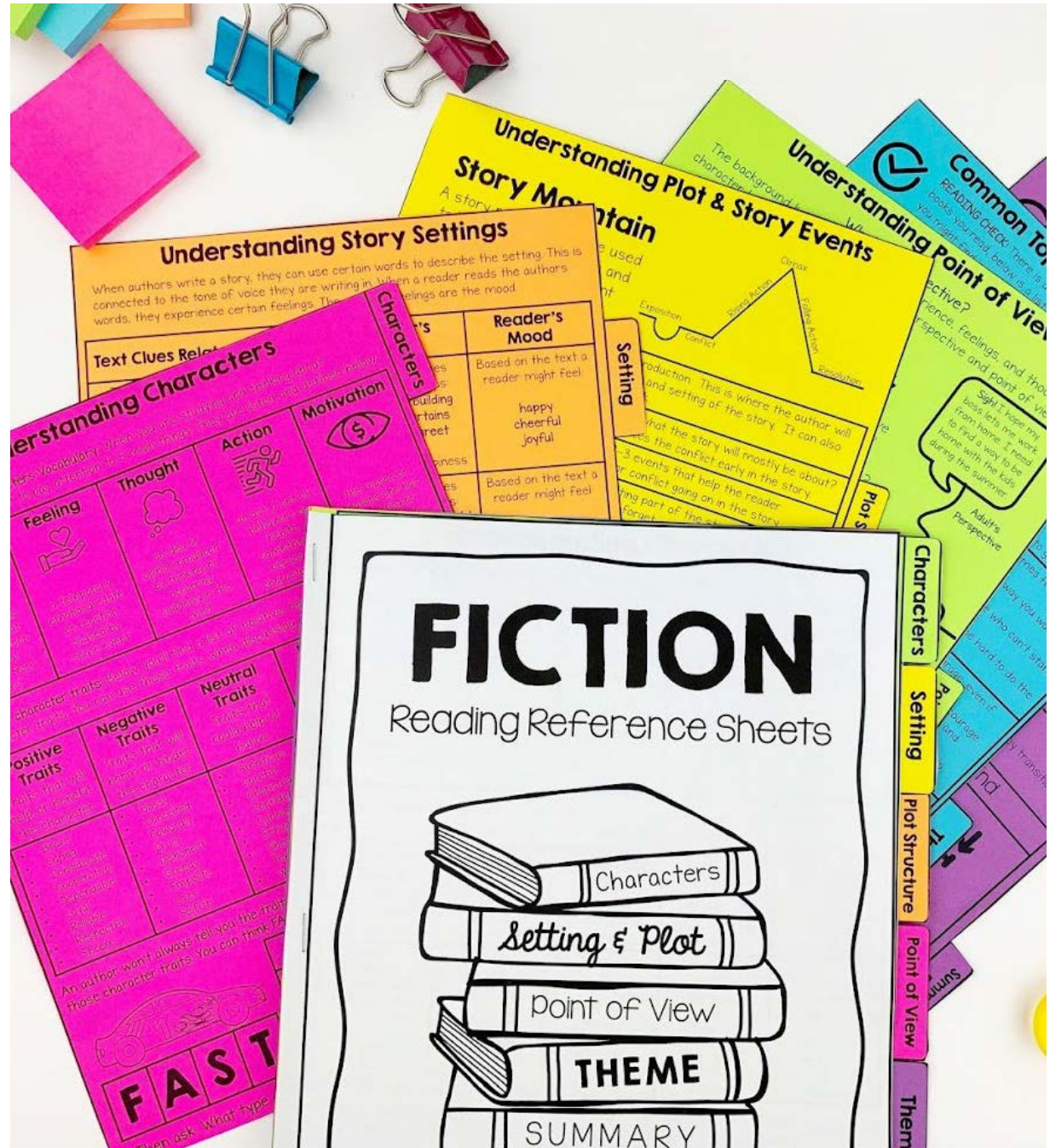
Theme

As a team, it is important to think about what benefits the group and not just what benefits the individual. Each person on the team brings unique strengths and perspectives. Working together can be more fun than working alone.

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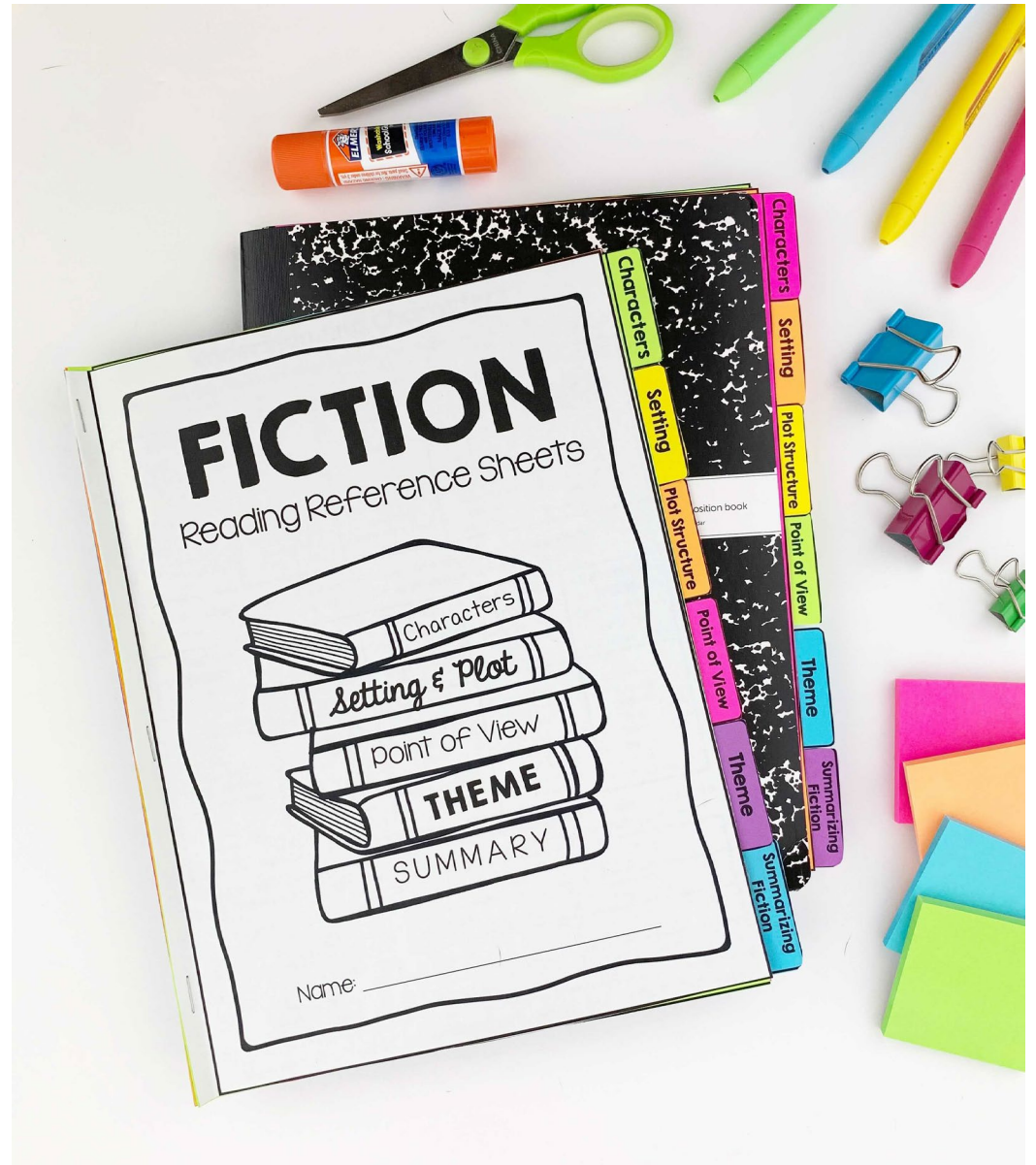
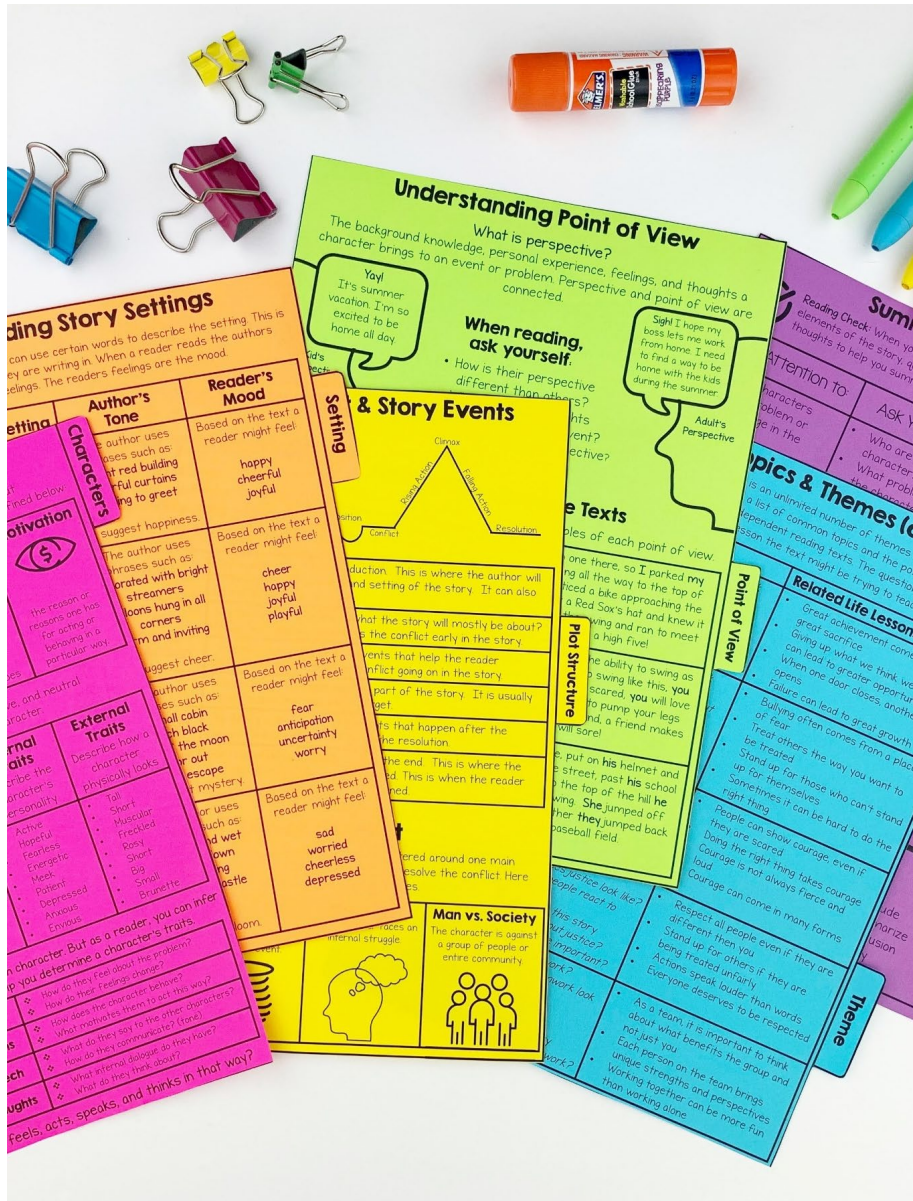
Includes 2 pages for each of six elements of fiction listed below:

- ♥ Characters
- ♥ Setting
- ♥ Plot Structure
- ♥ Point of View
- ♥ Theme
- ♥ Summarizing Fiction



PERFECT FOR NOTEBOOKS

Reference tabs work great in reading notebooks. They help students find all the sections related to fiction texts.



HELPFUL REFERENCE BOOK

Can print front and back to create a helpful reference book that is super helpful to use during small group lessons.

**OUTSIDE:
COVER & TABS**



INSIDE: FRONT AND BACK PAGES

Characters: List of Traits & Feelings

READING CHECK: When you are describing a character in-depth, you want to make sure you are using the most specific language to describe and explain that character's traits and feelings. Below you will find a mini thesaurus with a list of more descriptive words you could use in place of some basic traits and feelings. Try to see how specific you can be with your description.

Common Character Traits:

Nice	Smart	Bad	Mean
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friendly Thoughtful Delightful Polite Likeable Kind Helpful Compassionate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intelligent Brilliant Clever Bright Skillful Wise Brainy Academic Gifted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awful Hopeless Dreadful Terrible Horrid Tough Negative Horrible Frightful 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wicked Rude Thoughtless Impolite Cruel Hateful Unfriendly Malicious Offensive
Funny	Brave	Pretty	Tricky
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amusing Humorous Witty Playful Entertaining Comical Amusing Humorous 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daring Courageous Adventurous Fearless Heroic Valiant Unshrinking Bold 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appealing Beautiful Stunning Lovely Breathtaking Pleasing Attractive Gorgeous 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dishonest Deceitful Sneaky Secretive Sly Untrustworthy Crafty Risky

Common Character Feelings:

Sad	Happy	Scared	Mad
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disappointed Upset Lonely Unhappy Discouraged Downcast Unpleasant Unlucky Lonely Unhappy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheerful Contented Delighted Joyful Pleased Glad Merry Excited Thrilled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terrified Panicked Nervous Afraid Alarmed Frightened Fearful Petrified Startled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exasperated Annoyed Outraged Frustrated Angry Displeased Irritated Seething Vexed

Describing Story Settings

Reading Check: Authors can describe the setting by including details about the time, place and environment. You can use those same details when you are describing a setting. Here are some words you might want to use if you are describing a setting.

Time	Place	Environment
Time of Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Morning Dawn Dusk Sunset Daytime Nighttime Midnight Historical Times <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ancient Times Middle Ages Revolutionary War Civil War World War II The Great Depression Segregation Victorian Times 	General Locations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desert Rainforest City County Suburbs Neighborhood School Jungle More Specific Locations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Park Oak Elementary London, England The Corner Store Madison Square Garden Donovan's House Cedar Park Room 208 	Weather <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stormy Sweltering Freezing Humid Frigid Windy Breezy Calm Crisp Cloudy Overcast Seasons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall Winter Spring Summer

Genre Specific Settings

Science Fiction	Historical Fiction	Realistic Fiction	Fantasy
"Improbable Places" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Space In the Future On a planet Milky Way In a dream In a galaxy Far away 	"In the Past" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ancient Times Middle Ages Civil War World War II 19th Century Victorian Times 	"In the Present or Recent Past" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real Places Beach School Stores Camp Home Neighborhood 	"Magical Places" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Castles Magical worlds Made up places Woods In nature Far off lands Long ago