Plot Structure

The Pigman
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4. CLIMAX

3. RISING ACTION

5. FALLING ACTION

5. RESOLUTION

Event 4

Event 3

Event 2

Event 1

2. INCITING INCIDENT

What event/s triggers the problem/s or causes the problem?

1. EXPOSITION

What characters are initially introduced?

What is the setting?

How does the piece begin?

What was the ending to the piece of literature?

Characters

3 Supporting Characters

Line from the text

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Line from the text

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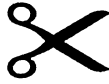## 3 Main/Important Characters

Line from the text

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Who is the protagonist or main character of the piece? Who or what is the antagonist?

List any other characters who are not listed above who play role in the book.

DIRECTIONS: Authors use figurative language in a piece of literature to create imagery for the reader. The author wants to paint a picture for the reader. Go back into the piece, and find three places where figurative language is used.
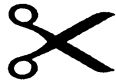
Common figurative language found in literature:

SIMILES   METAPHORS   PERSONIFICATION   HYPERBOLES   IDIOMS

Figurative Language

Figurative Language Evidence #1-Highlight the figurative language in the line of text
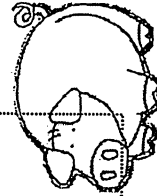
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Why did the author use the figurative language in this particular place?
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Figurative Language Evidence #2-Highlight the figurative language in the line of text

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Why did the author use the figurative language in this particular place?
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Figurative Language Evidence #3-Highlight the figurative language in the line of text

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Why did the author use the figurative language in this particular place?
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DIRECTIONS: Choose three important and significant quotations from the book. Secondly, explain why the quotation is important to the piece of literature.

Important Quotations

Quotation #1

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Why is this quotation important to the piece of literature?

Quotation #2
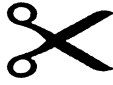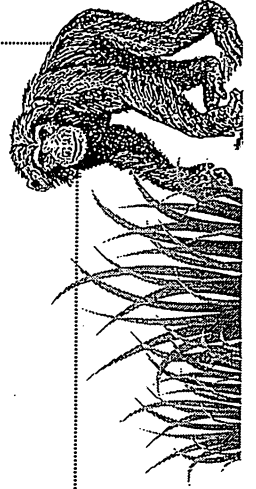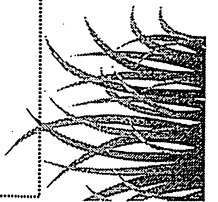
(   ).

Why is this quotation important to the piece of literature?

Quotation #3

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Why is this quotation important to the piece of literature?

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DIRECTIONS: Discuss three major conflicts throughout the piece of literature.

<u>Common conflicts in literature are:</u>
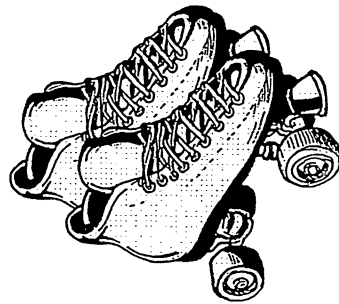
Man vs. Man   Man vs. Nature   Man vs. Self

Man vs. Society   Man vs. Fate

Conflicts

<u>Conflict #1</u>

What type of conflict is it?

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Explain the conflict:

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<u>Conflict #2</u>
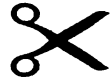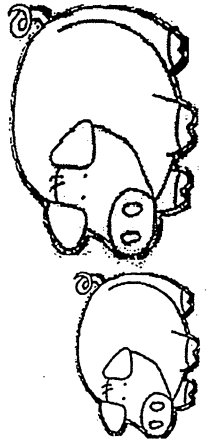
What type of conflict is it?

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Explain the conflict:

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<u>Conflict #3</u>

What type of conflict is it?

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Explain the conflict:

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Author's Purpose/Themes

DIRECTIONS: When an author writes a book or story, they have a reason for writing the piece. This is also known as author's purpose. Answer the questions below about author's purpose.

Author's Purpose

Why do you think this author wanted to write this piece?
What did s/he want the reader to learn? Why?

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DIRECTIONS: Discuss two major themes in the piece of literature. Explain one event in the story where this theme is evident.

Theme # 1

Where is this theme evident in the piece?

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Theme # 2

Where is this theme evident in the piece?
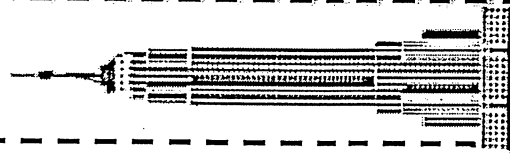
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DIRECTIONS: Draw one of main settings in the piece of literature.

Setting

Setting Questions

1. Does the literature take place in the past, present or future?

2. Is there a specific year, time and place of the piece?

3. Does the setting play a major role in the literature? How or why do you know this? Would the piece of literature and outcomes be different if the setting was different?
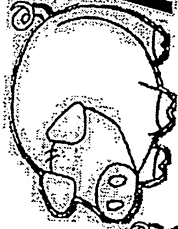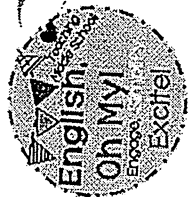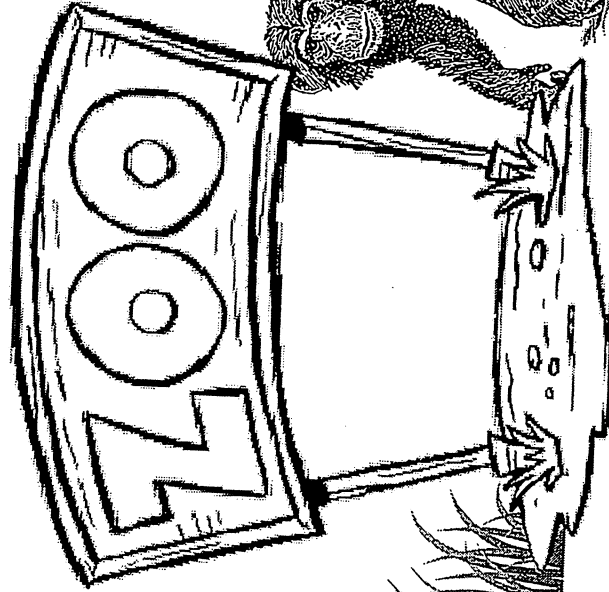
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