Story Analysis Handout

Name: _____   Date: _____

1. T itle _____

2. A uthor _____

3. Hero or heroine (protagonist) _____

4. Protagonist's character traits (What is he/she like?)

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5. Other main characters and their traits (For each one list their name and one word that describes them. Instead of general descriptions like "nice" and "bad," try to find words that really describe the characters, such as "hardworking" or disrespectful.")

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6. Central problem (What does the main character face?)

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7. Obstacles (things to overcome in order to solve problem mentioned above). What prevents the main character from accomplishing his/her goal?
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   7. _____

8. S etting

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9. How does the protagonist solve the problem?

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10. Plot line (no more than 5 sentences).

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11. Major theme (author's message). Why did the author write the story?

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