

Name _____

What Did We Read? What Did We Learn?

Author _____ Illustrator _____

Story Title _____ © Date _____

A. Understanding the essential elements of a short story:

Who are the main characters?	When and where does the story take place?
Describe the problem or conflict and how it gets resolved:	

B. Critiquing the author and illustrator:

What do you know about the author? Do you think the author's background helps in writing the story? Why or why not?
Do the characters look realistic? Why or why not?
How do the pictures and details make the story easier to understand? Can you describe a picture and how it helped you understand the story?

C. Looking for stereotypes and power relationships:

Did you find any examples of bias or stereotypes in this book?
If yes, please explain:

Are different characters in the story shown with different amounts of power to make decisions or do they have an equal amount of decision making power over their lives? Give an example to support your answer:

Did you have any stereotypes or negative attitudes before reading this book that were changed by this book? If yes, please explain:

D. Audience appeal, clarity and relevance to the reader:

Did you enjoy this book? Why or why not?

Do you feel that this book would be enjoyed and understood by readers of different ethnicities and cultures? Why or why not?

Were new concepts or words introduced by the book explained in a clear and respectful way? If yes, give an example of a new concept or word that you learned from this book:

What questions, if any, do you have after reading the book?