

Lesson 12

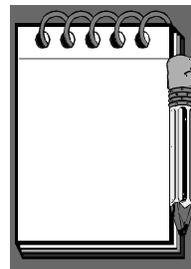
Materials Needed:

- Journal
- ✎ Pen or pencil
- 📖 The Novel you have selected to read
- 📖 Dictionary
- or { Highlighter
- Post-it notes

Journal Entry / Vocabulary Review

Write for about ten minutes in your Journal on ONE of the following topics:

- A. Pick a person, place or event in the book that reminds you of something that happened to you or someone you know. Compare what happened in real life to what happened in the book. See how many vocabulary words from past lessons you can use in your entry.
- B. Pretend your book is going to be made into a movie. You can hire any actors you want. Whom would you hire to be each character and why? What kind of a place would you choose as the setting for your movie? Describe it and tell why you chose this place.



Analysis of the story

Think about the story and how the author developed the plot. Here are some techniques authors use. See if you can find examples of them. There will probably not be an example of each of these in the story you read.

Suspense

Authors want you to keep reading. Sometimes they leave you hanging at the end of a chapter. The chapter ends in the middle of a problem. You keep reading to find out what happens next. Did the author use suspense to keep you reading? Give an example.

Misdirection or ambiguity

Sometimes authors will give you misleading information that can be interpreted different ways. Or perhaps the meaning of what is happening is ambiguous, meaning it isn't clear. (There is another great word to add to you vocabulary.)

What happened in your story that was misleading or ambiguous?

Humor

Even in serious books, authors often use humor. A funny scene or a funny character will make it easier to keep reading. Describe one incident or character that was humorous.

Deus ex machina

This is a literary term taken from Latin meaning something or someone that enters the story at the climax and helps resolve the plot. This can be a magical occurrence or the stranger you see in movies. This might appear unfair or artificial because the reader has no way to predict what will happen. It can almost seem as if the author is cheating by adding a new character or event near the end of the book.

Did anything or anyone appear unexpectedly in your story to solve the problem? If so, describe what happened.

