

# Filling Out P5 Fictional Reading Sheets

Setting: When and where the story takes place

Main Characters: list the **main characters** of the novel

Their Relationship: How the main characters know one another or how it is they have contact with one another. This **does not necessarily mean** they are relatives (ie: mother, father, cousins, brother, sister, etc.)

## **Main Conflict:**

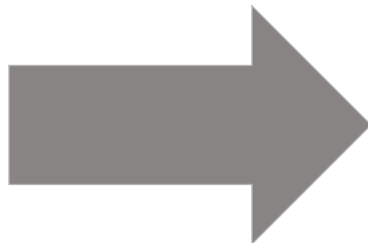
Are there any recurring themes happening in the plot? (Things that keep happening again and again that might have to do with a problem the main character continues to face)

In what unusual circumstance does the author place the main character?

Does there seem to be a lesson the main character is learning throughout the story? If so, what is the problem the character faces that helps him/her learn that lesson?

Main conflicts are not things that happen quickly in one chapter, for example, if a character is pushed around by a bully in one chapter, that would not be main conflict; however, the main character dealing with his fear and learning how to stand up to the bully throughout the story might be the main conflict.

See the reverse side of this page for examples using ***Trouble River*** as the novel in which to identify any number of main conflicts.



Example: Trouble River

Setting: The prairie somewhere in the US probably around the 1800s as people were moving westward.

Main Characters: Dewey, Grandma

Their Relationship: Dewey, a boy growing up in the prairie and his grandma who are left to hold down their farm while their parents are in Hunter City to have Ma's baby.

## **Main Conflicts:**

Recurring Themes:

- Dewey is forced to take on a man's job of protecting himself and Grandma
- Dewey is constantly under the scrutiny of Grandma's complaints
- Dewey would rather not be the "adult protector" but would rather have a man present to deal with the dangers that have been forced upon him
- Grandma's fear of the Prairie

Unusual Circumstances:

- Dewey must deal with the unpleasant realities of his surroundings (Indians, wolves, wild rapids and waterfalls, death of the Dargans)

Lessons Learned by Main Character:

- Dewey must learn to navigate a river on his boat for the first time during a time when their safety depends upon his success

What the **Main Conflict** is **NOT**:

- The death of the Dargons
- The Indian who stalks Dewey and Grandma in the beginning
- The wolves
- The rapids and waterfalls
- The Indians burning down houses