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Title of text:

Author:

Use the chart below to analyze key elements of the text and brainstorm ideas you could develop into a thesis. Jot down the first thoughts that come to mind as you read the guiding questions.

<p>Characters: How do the main characters change over time? How do these changes affect the story or the reader?</p>	
<p>Setting: When and where does the novel take place? How does the setting affect the characters or plot?</p>	
<p>Plot: What is the main conflict of the story? How is it resolved? What do the characters or the reader learn from the conflict?</p>	
<p>Theme: What big ideas or messages about life does the novel suggest? How does the author reveal these themes?</p>	
<p>Point of View: Who is the novel's narrator? Is the reader aware of anything characters are not, and how does having this perspective affect the reader?</p>	
<p>Word Choice: Does the author make any interesting word choices or use any figurative language? How does word choice affect the reader?</p>	
<p>Symbols: Do any objects show up repeatedly throughout the novel? Do any objects seem to represent an idea or have a larger meaning?</p>	
<p>Text Structure: Does the author make interesting choices about chapter or sentence length? Is the story linear or does it jump around in time? How do these structure choices affect the story?</p>	