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| **The Tail Name:** |

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**Directions:** Plot the story line below.

1. What vow does Junior make to Tasha?
2. Why is Tasha often frustrated when Junior “follows” her directions? Give an example.
3. From which point of view is the story told? List clues from the story that helped you determine this.
4. How would the story change if it were narrated from the perspective of Junior? How would it be different in third person omniscient (omniscient = all knowing)?
5. Mood is the feeling created in the reader by a literary work. A writer can create an atmosphere or mood that is light-hearted or serious, cheerful or threatening, silly or mysterious, etc. Read the passage below. Determine the mood and highlight words that contribute to the mood.

*We dashed across the street. Our block was empty. Yvonne ran ahead of us and didn’t stop until she reached her stoop. When I got to my stoop I expected to see Junior there, but no Junior.*

Mood: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Conflict:** A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between opposing forces. Conflict is one of the most important elements of a story because is causes the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| **Type of Conflict or Struggle** | **Example from Text***Explain in your own words and include a direct quote!* | **Illustrate** |
| **Man vs. Man Conflict**A character has an argument or disagreement with another character. |  |  |
| **Man Vs. Self Conflict**A character struggles to make a decision, take an action, or overcome a feeling.  |  |  |

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|  | PRACTICE: Determine what you think the theme of the story is and provide supporting details from the story to justify your answer. |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a general message about life that a writer conveys in a work of literature.* Usually common messages that readers can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Ask yourself:

* What does the author want me to think about?
* What does the author seem to be saying about life?
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