STORY ORGANIZER

The Story Organizer assists you in noting important literary elements in the book.

Book title, author:

Setting (time, place):

Describe the main characters (gender, age, ethnicity, class/rank)

Do the characters change over time? (Evidence in text that shows this)

What is the main problem/challenge in the story? (Evidence in text that shows this)

What actions are taken and by whom to solve the problem(s)? (Evidence in text that shows this)

Do the actions taken solve the problem? (Evidence in text that shows this)

CULTURAL REPRESENTATION ORGANIZER

Note the elements of culture represented in the book.

Geography and Natural Resources	**Economy and Technology**
• *Gifts of nature: land, water, animals, minerals, trees, fruits, plants, climate* • *Human settlements: regions, villages, towns, cites, countries*	• *food, goods, services, jobs,* • *human resources, capital resources, technology* • *mediums of exchange, types of ownership*
Politics / Government / Military	**Society**
• *decision-makers, formal and informal ways of exercising power,* • *political institutions, laws, justice* • *police, soldiers*	• *family, groups, social institutions, hierarchy* • *interpersonal rituals*
Historical Events	**Ideas /Beliefs/ Values**
• *pivotal events, contested events*	• *cosmology, political legitimacy, beauty standard, gender roles*

Religion/ Spiritual Beliefs

- *divine or supernatural characters*
- *spiritual leaders or practitioners*
- *spiritual or religious communities/sub-communities*
- *spiritual texts, poems, songs*

Visual Arts/Architecture/Material Culture

- *carving, painting, textiles, calligraphy, etc.*
- *buildings, parks, any built environment*
- *luxuries, household goods, fashion, tools, etc.*

Performing Arts / Athletics

- *music, dance, drama, songs, spoken word*
- *sports, games*

Language/Literature

- *spoken language(s), oral performance/recitation*
- *written language, quotes*

Other Subjects

Questions/Concerns