

Unit One Short Story Analysis Sheet

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A. Create a thematic statement.

Title & Author: _
____The Test by Angelica Gibbs_____

1 The main character	Somebody	1 __Marian_____
2. The character's want or desire	Wanted	2 __To pass her drivers test_____
3. The obstacle, problem or conflict	But,	3 __The instructor was being racist towards Marian_____
4. The result	So,	4 __Marian stuck up for herself and failed her drivers test_____

5. Now combine the four answers into a clearly worded sentence to create a thematic statement about the story. Use the title and author as well:

In the short story, "The Test" by Angelica Gibbs, the main character, Marian, wanted to pass her second drivers test but the instructor was being racist towards her. So, the instructor ended up failing her drivers test because of her skin color.

B. Explain character behavior/motivation. Write complete sentences for each response.

1. Which category(S,W,B or S) likely points to the character's motivation?

So

2. Write about the role this motivation played in the story:

The role motivated the play in the story because she wanted to pass her second drivers test. She wanted to pass it because she didn't pass it last time because of her skin color so she was hoping she could pass it this time even though she was a good drivers.

3. Answer one of the follow up questions:

- why does the story include this desire or motivation?
- What does it say about the character?
- His/Her actions?
- Interactions with others in the story?

It says that the character is independent and trying to defend herself because of her skin color. Just because she has a different skin color, doesn't mean that she doesn't have feelings too.

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4. Which category likely points to the story's conflict?
Write about the role this conflict played in the story.

The category that points out the story's conflict is "somebody". This is because the somebody was the inspector who caused the conflict in the short story. He made fun of Marian's skin color which was racist.

5. Answer one of the follow up questions:
- a. why does the story include this conflict?
 - b. What does it do for the story? (how does it advance the plot?)
 - c. Can a story exist without conflict?

A story can't exist without conflict because then there would be no story. There would on be the beginning and the end.

6. Which category likely points to the conflict resolution?

But

7. Write about the need to resolve conflict in the story.

The need to resolve the conflict in the story is because then Marian could pass her drivers test because she's a good driver but because of her skin color, inspectors are always failing.