

Module: Locating What's Important in Literature

Name: _____ Date: _____

What's Important in Literature?

1. Select a short story to read with a partner. Photocopy the story so each of you has a copy.
2. Before you begin reading, fill in the information above the table. Then read the text aids (title, headings, first paragraph) and fill in the first column below.
3. Now read the story. Most literature tells us not only *how* the characters feel, but also *why* something happens. Read carefully for details about main events and characters. As you read, fill in each of the remaining three columns of the table.

Author: _____ **Title of story:** _____
Title of book: _____ **Publication year:** _____

Read <i>only</i> the text aids.	Now read the entire story.		
What do you think this story is about? What do you think will happen?	List the main events in the order they happened.	Who are the main characters?	What does each character feel and why?

4. Now compare tables with your partner. Do the tables look similar? How do they differ? Discuss the differences.
5. Do you have any questions about the story? List them on the back of this paper. Discuss the questions with your partner.