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Close
Readings



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Close Reading 1: Chapters 1-2

Name: _____

Tone & Mood

- Tone is the _____ of the author or character towards a subject.
- Mood is how the _____ feels or the _____ evoked by the work.
- One way tone is accomplished is through _____.
- Authors also vary their writing style to develop tone....
 - _____ – are sentences short, long, questions, exclamations?
 - _____ – are words or phrases repeated?
- Finally, authors use the characters, setting, conflict, figurative language, and other literary devices to develop tone as well.

Directions: Reread Chapters 1 and 2. As you read, pay close attention to Mr. Yao and his interactions with other characters. Then, determine the character's attitude toward the subject listed. Draw the face of the character that represents that tone and provide evidence to support. Explain what mood (feeling) the character's attitude creates for you as a reader. Select a color that represents that mood and fill in the mood ring with that color. Finally, explain what mood the tone creates for you and why. Use the sample below as a guide.

Tone: What is Mia's mother's tone towards the motel manager job?		Mood: What mood does Mia's mother's attitude create for you as a reader?	
Tone: Excited	Evidence to prove attitude: 1. To her surprise, Mr. Yao was equally enthusiastic. (5) 2. She looked at my dad. "That's a lot of money!" (6)	Mood Ring Color: Hopeful	Explanation of mood: I feel hopeful that the Tangs will get the motel job, and it will help them achieve their goals.
			
Tone: What is Mr. Yao's attitude towards the Tang's interest in the motel job?		Mood: What mood does Mr. Yao's attitude create for you as a reader?	
Tone: _____	Evidence to prove attitude:	Mood Ring Color: _____	Explanation of mood:
			

➤ 25 Close Reading Assignments

➤ Notes for Literary Elements

➤ Graphic Organizers to Scaffold Learning

➤ Literary Skills-Based


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➤ 4 Whole Novel Analysis Assignments

➤ Rigorous & Creative Tasks

➤ Accommodate for ALL Learners

➤ Text-Based Questions & Analysis

Tone: What is Hank's attitude towards Mr. Yao?		Mood: What mood does Hank's attitude create for you as a reader?	
Tone:	Evidence to prove attitude:	Mood Ring Color:	Explanation of mood:
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Analysis Questions

1. What is Mr. Yao's tone towards the Tangs? How does the author develop this attitude throughout the first two chapters? Support with evidence from the text.

2. What is Mr. Yao's attitude towards his own hotel and buzzing customers into the front desk? Why might Mr. Yao have this attitude? Support with evidence from the text.

3. Based on Mr. Yao's tone towards the Tangs, how do you think he will treat them as a boss? Why do you think he will treat them this way? Support your answer with textual evidence.

4. How does Hank's tone towards Mr. Yao influence your perspective of Mr. Yao? How does Hank's attitude build suspense? Support your answer with textual evidence.

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Setting

- _____ and _____ of a story.
- Setting affects _____, creates a _____, and develops/drives _____.

Setting can also extend beyond just time and place. It can also include several other elements such as:

- _____ - Country, state, house, basement, rural/urban
- _____ - Day, night, weather, season, physical details
- _____ - Values, ideals, attitudes, politics
- _____ - Time period, year, major events
- _____ - Time elapsed, time of day, flashbacks, between scenes

Mapping Mia's Journey to the Calivista Motel

Directions: Mia's journey from China to the Calivista Motel includes several stops on the way. On the timeline below, explain where Mia was and end with where Mia is now. Then, to the right of the timeline, include details of each setting by answering the prompts. Answer the questions that follow.

1. Mia and her parents leave China to come to the United States

a. When does Mia live in this place? What is important about this place?

b. What beliefs or attitudes does Mia mention when talking about this place?

c. What important memories, experiences, or lessons does Mia associate with this place?

➤ Comprehensive Answer Key

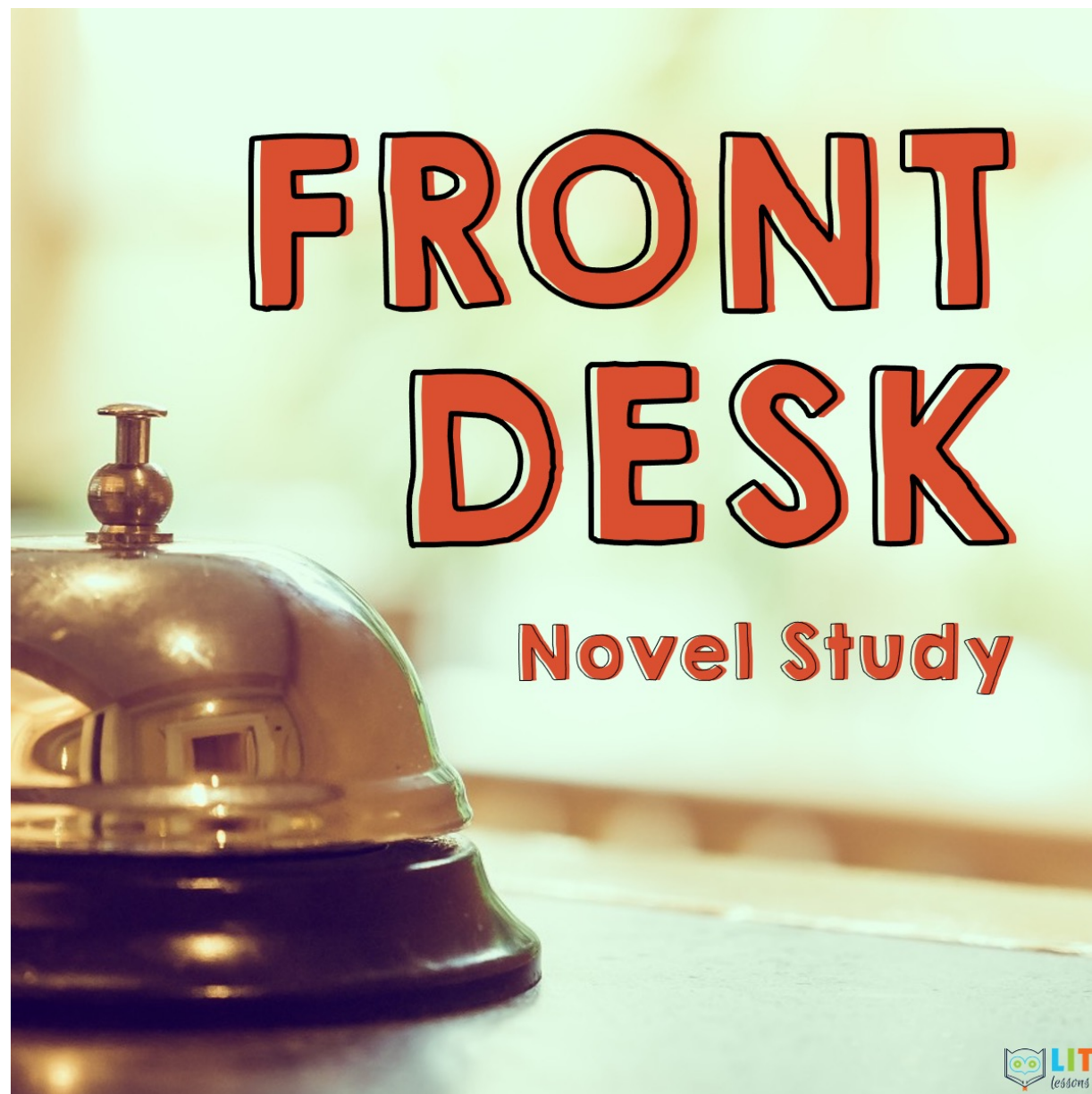
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➤ Google Slides™ Links

➤ Great for Rotation Model & Centers

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