

Genre Card

Reader:

Room:

Adventure: A Dangerous Journey, A Desperate Task

Sailing on the high seas, trekking through a mountain pass, or surviving on a deserted island, adventures are defined by the intense physical and emotional challenges faced by the characters and the exhilaration of their fight to survive the odds.

Setting

Place

Where does the story take place? Why does this matter?

Time

When does the story take place and why does it matter?

- Time of day or year
- Past, present, or future
- Historical period

Danger

How does the setting threaten the survival of the main character?

Characters

The Hero

Who is the protagonist or main character? Is s/he more a hero or an anti-hero? Describe his or her:

- Physical characteristics
- Character traits, especially motivations
- Place in society and why it matters

Minor Characters

Identify the minor characters and describe their:

- Motivations
- Relationship to the main character(s)
- Relation to the basic conflict or problem

Enemy/Antagonist

What is the protagonist struggling against? Why?

- A person
- A group
- An event

Mood

What makes this book feel fast-paced? Gripping? Adrenaline-packed?

- Plot/conflict
- Action
- Dialogue
- Word choice
- Writing style

Theme

Author's Purpose

Why do you think the author wrote this book? What was his/her theme, message, moral, or lesson, for you, the reader?

Good vs. Evil

Is it obvious where the good and evil lie in the book, or is it ambiguous? How does this relate to the theme?

Peril

Who is at risk? How is this related to the theme?

- Character
- Community
- Society
- Planet

The Task

What is the hero setting out to accomplish? Why must this be accomplished, and what are the consequences if it is not?

The Journey

What kind of journey does the hero set out to complete? Why must the hero complete this journey? What are the consequences if the hero fails?

Search for Self

What does the hero learn? How does this relate to the theme?



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Adventure:

Conflict is at the heart of what makes a good adventure story. Use this organizer to explore how and why authors use different kinds of conflict. Remember to use examples from the text.

	Conflict	Resolution	Author's Purpose or Theme
Character vs. Environment			
Character vs. Self			
Character vs. Character			
Character vs. Society			