Short Story Worksheet

Setting: where, when, circumstances, and mood
_________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________
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Summary: Break your story into five main events
Problem/Conflict ____________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________
Something that goes wrong (complication) ____________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________
Another Complication: ____________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________
The most exciting part (Climax): ____________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________
Wrap things up (The Resolution): ____________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________

Possible Titles for the work:
1. ____________________________________________ 2. ________________________________

Main Character Questionnaire

What is your character’s full name? _________________________________________________
How old are they? __________________________________________________________________
What’s they’re family background? __________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________
Where do they live? ___________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________
What do they like to do? __________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________
What makes them special?

What do they care about most in life?

What do they fear?

What are their dreams?

Who are the important people in their life?

What are the important things in their life?

What will they learn about themselves and their world by the end of the story?

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